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RAIDERS IN HUMBER REGION

London, To-day.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action in the vicinity of the Humber Estuary and along the Yorkshire coast farther north at nine o'clock last night.

No raiders crossed the coastline, and it is believed that the shooting was against German mine-laying aircraft. British fighters went up and drove the visitors off.

Early in the evening, sounds of heavy gunfire were heard off the North-East coast.

Anti-aircraft guns aboard ships appeared to be responsible for the firing and it is presumed that Nazi raiders were engaged in an attack upon a convoy.

No details have yet been released officially.—Reuter.

MACAO BLOCKADE REPORT

According to somewhat sensational reports from Macao this morning, the Japanese Navy have virtually "blockaded" Macao.

The only shipping service which has not been interfered with is that between Macao and Hong Kong.

Japanese gunboats are patrolling waters outside Portuguese limits and are diverting all steam-launches and junks, on their way to Macao from other parts of Kwangtung, to Canton.

Craft leaving Macao for the interior have been stopped and ordered to return to the Portuguese port according to these reports.

NAVAL CLASH IN SKAGER RAK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. The fact that naval encounters have occurred recently in the Skagerrak indicates the Allies are closely watching these waters to intercept the passage of German troops to Oslo.

The inhabitants of the Swedish town witnessed an encounter which resulted in a victory for the German ship being captured.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL QUARTERS REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING ON THE STATEMENT THAT "CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS" HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY BRITAIN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES ASSERT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ACTUALLY INSTRUCTED BRITISH MERCHANTMEN NOT TO CROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN.

They have been ordered instead to use the ocean route for all voyages usually effected via Suez, owing to the increasing tension in the Mediterranean.

It is understood that one reason for this measure is to relieve the task of warships protecting convoys.

Quarters close to Whitehall say the British Government still hopes nothing will happen in the Mediterranean but the Italian attitude hitherto does not justify excessive hopes; while the British Government is not alarmed, it deems it necessary to take certain precautions.

It is understood diplomatic consultations have been proceeding between London, Paris and Ankara as regards certain eventualities that may arise, including the possibility of foreign intervention in Yugo-Slavia.—Havas.

To Compel Italy To Come To Decision

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Commenting on the British Government's instruction to merchantmen as regards the Mediterranean crossing, political circles declare the measure partly aims at showing Italy the Allies' determination to defend the status quo in the Mediterranean if need be and should also induce Italy to show her hand openly.

The measure will have very important economic consequences on Italy, considering the importance of British ships calling at Italian ports in transit en route to Suez.

Furthermore, maritime connections between Britain and Italy will henceforth be assured exclusively by Italian ships.

Main object of the British Government's decision is to compel Italy to put an end to the present equivocal situation.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: East winds moderate but generally.

TURKEY PREPARES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day

Turkey is endeavouring to create two large groups with the aim of resisting possible aggression in the Balkans, says the Istanbul correspondent of the "News Chronicle."

The first group would constitute a military alliance between the Near East Moslem states.

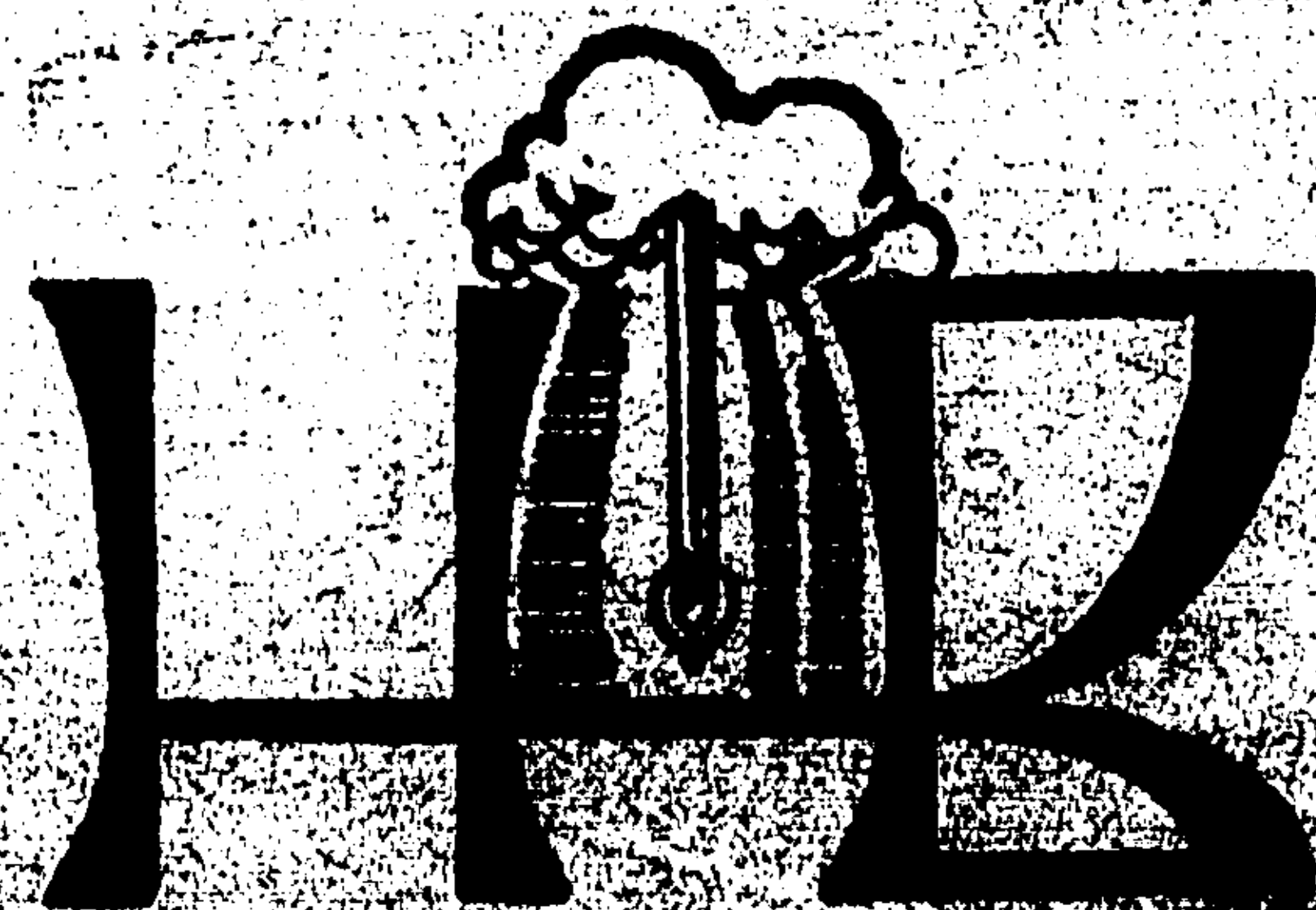
The second group, more important, would be formed of a military alliance between Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugo-Slavia, Rumania and Hungary.

TURKISH GUARANTEE

In trying to persuade these countries, Turkey argues that any one of them would not have to fight alone against eventual aggression for they would be assured of the support of five other states.

Should the army of the invaded State be forced to retreat, its allies would help establish a second, third or even fourth front. Furthermore they would be supported by Great Britain and France.—Havas.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.
AWARDS TO R.A.F. OFFICERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ATTACKS ON STAVANGER AERODROME AND SEAPLANE BASE IN APRIL HAVE BEEN GAZETTED.

A bar to the D.S.O. is given to Wing-Commander Basil Edward Embry, who led two successful attacks by a squadron of 12 planes although in the first attack one of his engines failed before they reached their objective and in the second attack he suffered frostbite.

Flying-Officer William Henry Edwards is awarded the D.F.C.

He piloted one of the 12 planes and reached and attacked the target despite a heavy snowstorm and heavy anti-aircraft fire.

When returning he attacked and hit a Dornier seaplane, and the following day he piloted one of six aircraft which went to attack Stavanger aerodrome and seaplane base.

FIVE GAVE UP

The weather was so bad that five of the aircraft were compelled to abandon the task, but Edwards got through, attacked the objectives and obtained valuable information.

The D.F.C. is awarded to Flight-Lt. Peter Wooldridge Townsend, who shot down an enemy aircraft in the North Sea in April. This was his third success.—Reuter.

HITLER NOT IN A SPEAKING MOOD

Amsterdam, to-day.

For the first time since Hitler came to power he will not make a speech to celebrate Labour Day to-day.

Only speech scheduled for to-day is by Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, to members of the Krupp Works at Essen. The speech is not expected to contain any sensations.—Reuter.

FINAL AIR LINK

London, To-day.

A message was sent by the United Kingdom Government yesterday to the Governments of Australia and New Zealand in time for the inauguration of the Trans-Tasman Airways Service, welcoming the establishment of the final link in the air service between the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.—British Wireless.

THOUSANDS OF PARCELS SEIZED

London, To-day.

The Minister of Economic Warfare disclosed in the Commons yesterday that parcels of food from overseas which have been intercepted and shown to be destined for Germany has already run into many thousands. Such parcels are seized and placed in prize.—British Wireless.

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THE FLOOD DISASTER IN HOPEI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Chungking, To-day.

That another million-dollar grant to flood relief in Hopei province will shortly be granted by the Central Government, following a petition submitted by a delegation from the affected areas, is learned from a well-informed source.

It is pointed out this would bring the total funds sent to Hopei to \$2,700,000.

Startling data has been brought to Chungking by the delegation, revealing that out of 127 hsien in Hopei, 94 are affected by the floods.

Flood refugees number between six and seven million, while damage to property totals \$200,000,000.

The flood, it is stated, has had no parallel in the past 60 years.

The petition reveals the breaking of one dyke after another all over the province by the relentless pressure of the flood waters. The harvest was utterly destroyed, the people being compelled to subsist on the leaves of trees and roots.

Many have died from hunger and the misery is such that parents are being compelled to sell their children. —Havas.

WARE—MOTOR PUMPS

Numerous motor pumps have been stolen from houses in all districts in the Colony recently. The thieves pretend they have been sent by landlords to repair the pumps, and take them away.

FATHER JACQUINOT WINS PRIZE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The Reverend Father Jacquinot, famed French Jesuit missionary, has been awarded the Japanese Tairiko Shimpō prize for his relief work among Chinese war refugees.

The award consists of a silver plaque with a cash award of 1,000 yen.

Father Jacquinot, who is 62 years old, came into worldwide prominence when in the course of the Shanghai war of 1932 he obtained a 24-hour armistice in which to evacuate civilians from the battle zone in Chapeli.

Since the beginning of the present hostilities he has been running a refugee camp housing 80,000, and is still busily occupied in improving the moral and physical welfare of the people under his care.

The American Red Cross, the French Government and other private and governmental bodies have honoured his social and charitable work. —Havas.

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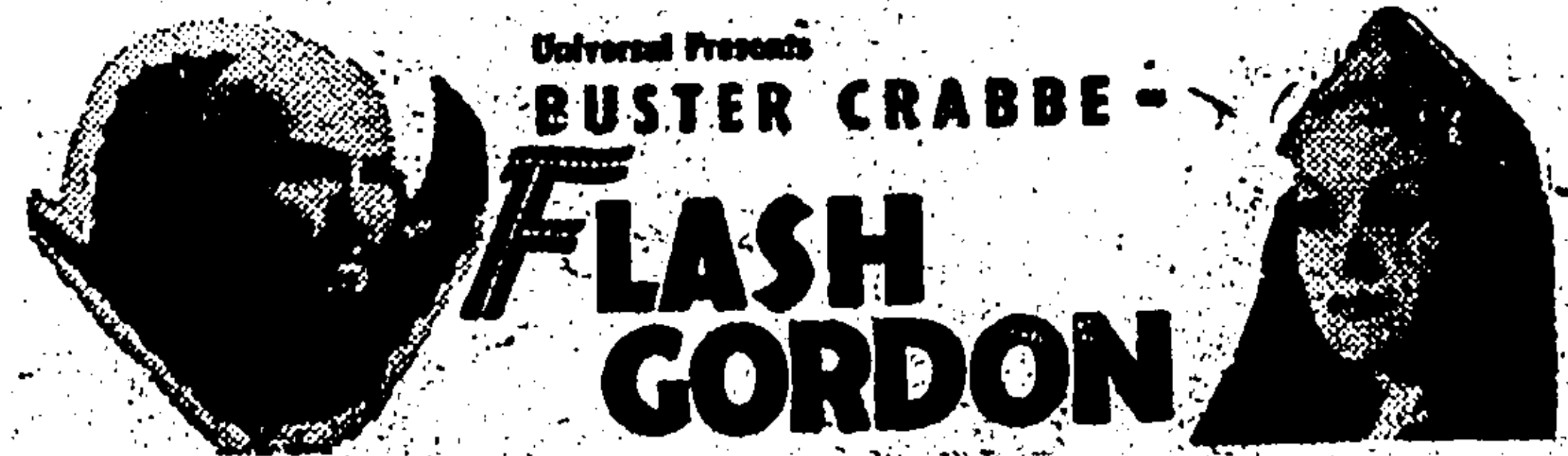
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GOLD LOANS BY U.S. URGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE EVENTUAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED STATES' IMMENSE GOLD RESERVES TO OTHER COUNTRIES, IN THE FORM OF LOANS, WAS ADVOCATED BY M. PAUL VAN ZEELAND, FORMER BELGIAN PREMIER AND ECONOMIC EXPERT, DURING A DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

He added that he would allow the smooth functioning of a gold standard and stressed that the future of civilisation depends to a great degree on the role played by the United States in the reorganisation of world economy after the war.

Once peace is concluded, serious problems will face the world and it will be necessary to create broader economic groups than those existing with a view of making possible, freer exchange of goods.

He lauded Mr. Cordell Hull's programme of reciprocal trade agreements which would reduce customs tariffs.—Havas.

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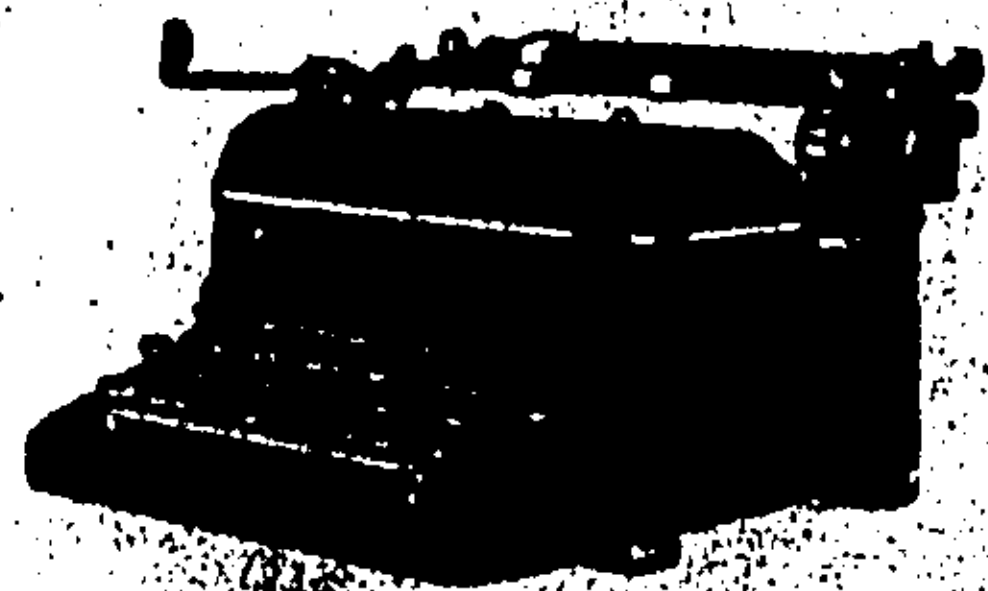
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Paris, To-day.

THE TWO NORWEGIAN hospital ships attacked by the Germans had just landed wounded at the hospitals in Alesund and were returning for more.

The killed comprise a doctor, a sailor and three nurses. Another member of the crew is badly wounded and several others are suffering from various minor injuries.

The low-flying attacks brought the German 'planes to within 100 yards from their victims.

Semi-official sources in Paris comment that the Nazi war in Norway is following the pattern first established in Poland. The Nazis first attack the armed forces; when they find the resistance stiffening, they turn their attention to the civilian populations and wind up by bombing hospitals.—Havas.

The Brand IV, the larger of the two, had just landed 90 wounded.

The Chief Doctor says that there were about 30 people on board his ship, and they had been on their course for about an hour when five German 'planes came towards them and dropped bombs, without success.

LARGE RED CROSSES

The German 'planes could not have failed to see the large Red Cross on the ship, which was painted white in the usual manner, but they returned and dropped more bombs.

The ship kept on its course.

The bombers returned a third time at a very low height, and this time a bomb hit the ship.

Every bit of glass on board was smashed and two men on either side of the Chief Doctor were killed outright, while they were all wounded. The ship ran aground.

Escaping ashore, everyone cowered behind rocks for over an hour while the Germans machine-gunned them. They kept calm.

GERMAN OFFICER ABOARD

The doctor reveals that a wounded German officer in the Norwegian hospital had himself confirmed to the German authorities, by telegram that both ships were being used for Red Cross work only.

Any German allegation to the contrary, therefore, can be refuted by one of Germany's own officers who knows from his own personal experience, that the Norwegian Red Cross makes no distinction between a wounded German and a wounded Norwegian.

The Red Cross party is not discouraged. As soon as the ship is repaired, they will get to work again.—Reuter.

Professor Kreyburg's Witness

Stockholm, To-day.

The Norwegian telegraph agency, replying to the German radio statement regarding the bombing of the hospital ship Brand IV, says the Foreign Office has confirmed all reports of the "ruthless bombing."

The agency says the reports were also confirmed by the mayor of Alesund, where the hospital ship arrived with the dead and injured, and where an inquiry was to be held yesterday.

The agency declares the bombing was witnessed by many persons and pictures were taken which will prove the correctness of the accounts given.

HEROIC DEFENCE IN NORWAY

London, To-day.

Tributes to the gallantry of the expeditionary force in Norway were paid by the British Press yesterday.

The "Yorkshire Post" condemns irresponsible criticism of the campaign and says that one must consider what is being done in the light of the great difficulties involved.

The paper praises the heroic work of the Allied troops, gravely handicapped as it is by the Nazi advantage in the air.

The "Daily Mail" comments that even the German communique on Monday had to pay a tribute to the stubborn resistance of our forces.

"The Times" says that the local superiority the Germans have so far had in the air does not justify the exaggerated claims put forward by Berlin. For instance, it has failed to prevent the landing of Allied troops. But to overcome this superiority is now highly necessary.—Reuter.

MR. ROGERS IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Norman McLeod Rogers, the Canadian Defence Minister, and Mr. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London, yesterday visited the Western Front. They drove to British Headquarters from Paris.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH TALKS WITH TURKEY

Istanbul, To-day.

The British and French Ambassadors were received by President Inuenu yesterday. The Turkish Foreign Minister was present at the talks.—Reuter.

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Bucharest, To-day.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER attended by Rumanian economists, Dr. Carl Clodius, head of the German economic delegation, stated the German army in Norway was determined to start total war there, using "a new and terrible weapon" as soon as weather conditions improve.

The new weapon, he said, consists of planes heavily loaded with explosives which will attack British ships in Norwegian waters. The pilots will be sacrificed but, Dr. Clodius claimed, "many Germans will volunteer for this mission."

Referring to the economic war, Dr. Clodius asserted Germany was not worried as regards raw materials, in view of the fact her oil needs were fully covered and synthetic production was likely to yield five million tons.

Germany also produces large quantities of synthetic rubber, he said, while Swedish manganese was reaching the Reich normally.

Dealing at length with Soviet-Rumanian relations, Dr. Clodius stated the Soviets had promised Germany to refrain from extending the war to the east and owing to the German action the Russians would not take any action in Bessarabia.

As regards Rumanian oil, Dr. Clodius said Rumania had promised Germany to do her utmost to supply a large quantity.—Havas.

STABILISATION LOAN BY U. S. URGED

Shanghai, To-day.

Prominent Americans here have sent a telegram to Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, urging the United States Government to extend a currency stabilisation loan to China. The message states the purpose of the loan would be to help forestall further attacks against the Chinese currency by the Japanese.—Reuter.

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VOROSHILOV MESSAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

A message from Marshal Voroshilov, War Commissar, on the occasion of May Day, praised the "far-sighted and wise policy of the Communist party which has spared the Soviets war in the west."

Marshal Voroshilov insisted this new policy had been inaugurated by Molotov, thereby implying tacit condemnation of the foreign policy of Litvinov, who was dismissed a year ago.

Referring to the Finnish campaign, Marshal Voroshilov said its effect would be considerable in improving the fighting capacity of the Red Army. "Imperialist warmongers will again attempt to threaten the Soviets and we must always be ready."—Havas.

FACTS ABOUT THE TRONDHEIM "LINK"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

BRITISH AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS, COMMENTING ON HITLER'S CLAIM THAT CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE GERMAN TROOPS AT OSLO AND TRONDHEIM, ARE NOT PREPARED TO SAY THAT NO GERMAN TROOPS HAVE GOT THROUGH.

It is stated, however, that any force successful in eluding Allied troops must have been exceedingly small.

It is thought possible that a small motor-cycle detachment may have got through by a minor road.

All German successes hitherto have been credited to mechanised units, but the snows are beginning to melt and difficulties for such units will soon become enormous.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the south-eastward of Japan, and is relatively low over the Philippines and the southern China Sea. A depression is moving eastward to the north of the Gulf of Tonkin.

CONSECRATION

Shanghai, To-day.

Consecration of the Rev. Andrew Yu Yung-shan, Assistant Bishop of Hong Kong for Fuzhou and Kwel-loo, took place to-day at the Holy Trinity Cathedral.—Reuter.

BRITISH DIVERTING SHIPPING

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively announced that recent pronouncements by responsible Italians have necessitated the British Government taking certain precautions regarding British shipping which would normally pass through the Mediterranean, but it is hoped circumstances will permit the cancellation of the precautions in the near future.

No details are at present available regarding the precautions but Reuter understands they involve the diversion, to some extent, of British shipping via Capetown instead of via Suez.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN FUNDS OVERSEAS REQUISITIONED

Canberra, To-day.

Australian shareholders in 19 United States companies and one Canadian company have been ordered to dispose of their holdings of specified dollar stocks within six months and lodge the net proceeds in the New York account of the Commonwealth Bank.

The transactions should realise \$5,000,000 and owners will receive the equivalent Australian value.—Reuter.

EVEN IF TRUE THE

GERMAN CLAIM TO TRONDHEIM LINK IS NOT IMPORTANT

London, To-day.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE German High Command's claim yesterday afternoon that Nazi forces moving south from Trondheim have linked up with similar forces coming up from Oslo, London sources point out that so far this is not confirmed from any other source, and that reports from the Swedish border throw a somewhat different light.

In the first place, this linking of communications, if true, has not been by way of either of the main valleys between Oslo and Trondheim—the Gudbrandsdal and the Osterdal.

A small force has already been reported to have left the Oster Valley to try and cross the heights and come out somewhere between Dombas and Storen, but it is said that this force has met with Norwegian resistance in the hills.

According to the latest, apparently authentic reports, both Storen and Dombas, as well as Hjerkin, are in Allied hands.

Even if confirmed, the German claim is not as important as it might seem at first. Both the main valleys from Oslo are apparently still held by the Allies, and a daring drive by one armoured column across the hills would not, of itself, be "big news."

NORWEGIANS REINFORCED In the Oster Valley, the Germans captured Roeros on Monday and got

to work on the broken bridges north of the town. Messages from Stockholm yesterday said that this repair work had been "interrupted."

The Norwegian troops have been reinforced, while it is said that German reinforcements have been diverted to the Gudbrands Valley.—Reuter.

CAUGHT IN GARDEN

Passing No. 262 Prince Edward Road shortly before two o'clock yesterday morning in a taxi, Mr. L. A. Searle, A. S. P. Kowloon, saw two Chinese climbing over the wall. He alighted and went into the garden, arresting one man.

Before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, Lam Hei, 30, was charged with loitering and remained 24 hours.

MACAO REPORT DENIED

BRANDING REPORTS OF A JAPANESE ARMED FORCE IN MACAO ON SUNDAY AS "GROSS FABRICATION," TWO PROMINENT PORTUGUESE BUSINESSMEN, WHO WERE IN MACAO ON SUNDAY, HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE ALLEGED INCIDENT.

The Portuguese Consul-General, Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, told the "China Mail" that if the reports were true he would have been informed officially. He was inclined to disbelieve the reports.

Two well-known Portuguese businessmen in Hong Kong, who were in Macao on Sunday, told the "China Mail" that they spent most of the afternoon in the Grande Central Hotel—the place where it was alleged, a Japanese armed force appeared and "hundreds of people left their tables and rushed into the streets in panic."

The two gentlemen spent the night in Macao and did not leave until the following morning.

Everything was normal and there was not even a rumour of any Japanese landing on Portuguese soil that day.

The Portuguese Consul to-day also stated that he had no knowledge of the report that the Japanese Navy is blockading Macao.

MINISTER TO TURKEY

Chungking, To-day.

Dr. P. C. Chang has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Turkey.—Central News.

Warning Hint To Neutrals

SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR ON NORWAY CAMPAIGN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE LIBERAL LEADER, SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, IN A SPEECH AT EDINBURGH YESTERDAY, DECLARED THAT UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED ON VIGOROUS AND DETERMINED ACTION IN NORWAY THE NEUTRALS WOULD RUSH TO CLIMB ON THE GERMAN BANDWAGON.

He stressed we must not scuttle from the south of Norway and settle down at Narvik.

GERMANY SEEKING PRETEXT

Paris, To-day.

Diplomatic circles expect Germany shortly to create a pretext for the despatch of gunboats to strategic points on the Yugo-Slav and Rumanian reaches of the Danube.

First attempt to attain this object was foiled on April 17, when Hungary, Yugo-Slavia, Rumania and Bulgaria signed an agreement under which each state was responsible for policing its own part of the Danube.

But Germany's hand is seen here in a new Hungarian proposal that policing of the sector comprising the Iron Gate narrows shall be entrusted to an international squadron under a definition which would include Germany.

Rumania and Yugo-Slavia have already definitely rejected Hungary's proposal while Bulgaria has not yet replied.—Reuter.

PLUMPS FOR BALKANS

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian press gives an exceptional welcome to a statement by the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, that if any of Bulgaria's neighbours are threatened by war, Bulgaria will do nothing to aggravate the situation.

This is regarded by political circles here as an important milestone on the road to Balkan unity.

The papers point out this is the first time that M. Popoff has definitely stated that Balkan solidarity is the basis of Bulgaria's foreign policy.—Reuter.

HUNGARY AND YUGOSLAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

The Yugo-Slav Trade Minister, M. Andres, told the press on his return from Budapest yesterday: "The Hungarian people have inaugurated a new policy towards Yugo-Slavia. They understand the necessity of a rapprochement between the two countries."

Economic talks now proceeding between Italy and Hungary are likely also to influence Italo-Yugo-Slav relations.—Havas.

The battles in Norway were lost in the fog of war but the British Navy had won glory and the Air Force had won striking successes against more powerful German forces.

To evacuate southern Norway would only be justifiable if the military leaders thought the situation beyond repair.

Sir Archibald Sinclair appealed to the neutrals, particularly Belgium, to face facts. By postponing even preparatory Staff conversations till they became the victims of German aggression, the neutrals made it impossible for Britain to save them from invasion.

CONCERTED MEASURES

Sir Archibald said Norway had never asked for our help and no arrangements were made between the Staffs of the army forces of the two countries until Germany was already in occupation of all principal Norwegian ports and centres of mobilisation.

Regarding Belgium, Sir Archibald said her one hope of preserving her territory was to take concerted measures with the British and French General Staffs before any German advance was made.—Reuter.

DUTCH DETERMINED ON INDEPENDENT POLICY

Amsterdam, To-day.

HOLLAND'S DETERMINATION to pursue an independent policy was stressed by the Prime Minister, Jonkheer de Greer, in a speech to Knights of the military order of William the First at The Hague yesterday on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Order.

He said: "Our country threatens no-one and will ally itself with no-one."

"It wishes to be an oasis of peace amid the horrors sweeping the world, but on the borders of this oasis stand men who, in the Knights of the Military Order of William, have a shining example of what their duty will be in the hour of danger and who will not be disloyal to that example."

STORM OF PROTEST

Meanwhile, Holland's Nazi leader, Anton Mussert, has caused a storm of protest in the Dutch papers by an interview he gave to an American radio commentator.

In the interview, Mussert is stated to have declared that in the event of an invasion of Holland by the Germans, the Dutch Nazis would not intervene on either side.—Reuter.

BREACH OF DEFENCE REGULATIONS?

Charged with attempting to export letters other than by post, contrary to the Defence Regulations, Foon Kam-shing, 32, described as an actor, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused stated that he was due to sail for Haiphong. He was carrying

SWEDEN EXTENDS RESTRICTIONS

Stockholm, To-day.

The radio has broadcast a decree announcing that further districts in Sweden have been closed to foreigners.

The ban extends to the island of Gotland, certain parts of Stockholm province, Gothenburg province except Gothenburg town, and the district of Hamland province opposite the Trondheim fighting zone.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CABINET

ROME, TO-DAY.

MUSSOLINI WILL PRESIDE AT TO-DAY'S MEETING OF THE ITALIAN CABINET: IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CABINET HENCEFORTH WILL ASSEMBLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH.

Political circles believe to-day's meeting will deal with the negotiations between Britain and Russia, Yugo-Slavia and Russia, and the trade talks between Britain and Italy.—Reuter.

USE OF SWEDISH WATERS REFUTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Authoritative Swedish quarters categorically deny rumours spread abroad that Germany is using Swedish territorial waters to despatch troops to Oslo or any other German base.

It is pointed out that apart from a narrow channel Swedish territorial waters are fully mined and remain impassable except for this channel which the Swedes watch day and night so that no ship can pass unnoticed.—Havas.

DUTCH NAZI CHIEF DRAWS FIRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

An extraordinary statement said to have been made by the "Fuehrer" of the Dutch Nazi Party is expected to lead to some strong measures being taken by the Dutch authorities.

The "Fuehrer" was interviewed by a representative of an American broadcasting station.

In reply to the question as to what would be the attitude of the Dutch Nazis if Germany invaded Holland, he replied that the Dutch Nazis would look on and cross their arms.

The publication of this statement in an evening paper has led to a furore which is expected to be a prelude to some strong action against the Dutch Nazi movement.—Havas.

GERMAN REVIEW GIVES TRUTH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERNE, TO-DAY.

THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE "GERMAN REVIEW," DISTRIBUTED TO LEADERS OF GERMAN COMMUNITIES ABROAD DECLARES THE OCCUPATION OF NORWAY AIMS AT PREVENTING AN ALLIED THREAT TO THE GERMAN FLANK AND TO SECURE BASES FOR AIR AND SUBMARINE ATTACKS AND LARGE-SCALE ACTION TOWARDS THE ATLANTIC.

"If German designs materialise, the British Empire will be greatly endangered."

Pointing out that the Italian air force is capable of threatening India, Suez and Gibraltar, the publication asserts: "The importance of the Scandinavian events resides in their repercussions on other powers, notably Italy, Russia, Japan and the United States."—Havas.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Demonstrations have been staged in several towns in Germany, particularly in Austria and the Sudeten regions, against the authorities' decision not to publish casualties suffered in the Norwegian campaign.

The manifestations became serious when it was learned that a number of troop transports had been sunk in the Skagerrak and Kattegat. The demonstrators demanded that the names of the dead be published.—Havas.

SWEDISH OIL SHORTAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Sweden is about to enforce further restrictions, particularly regarding consumption of oil and gasoline. Between May 1 and 13, purchase will be limited.—Havas.

NORWEGIANS GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The newspaper "Politiken" announces that many Norwegians found guilty of opposing the German aggression have been sentenced to death.

According to the German press, the military commander asked a German court-martial to reprieve several Norwegians "owing to circumstances resulting from the international situation."—Havas.

M. REYNAUD SLIGHTLY INDISPOSED

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Reynaud, has a slight attack of influenza.—Reuter.

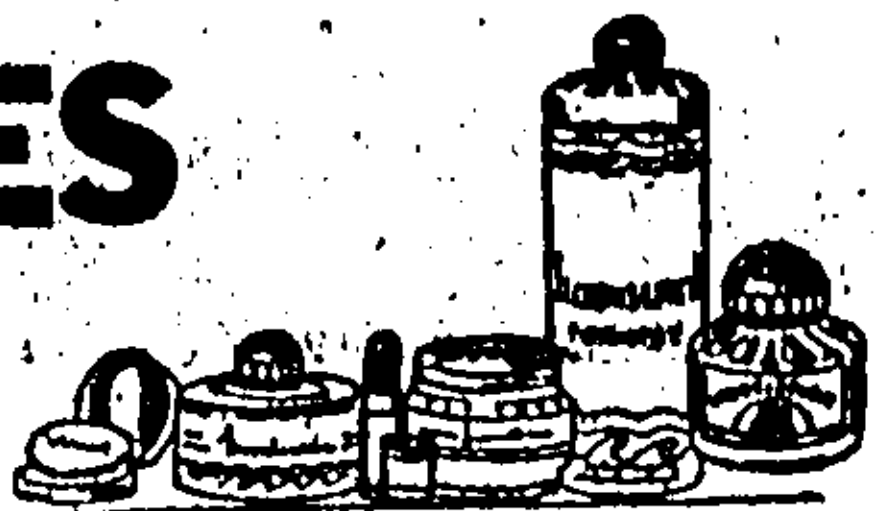
letters of recommendation in order to find a job.

Det.-Sgt. J. Michie, prosecuting, stated that the police wished to make further inquiries.



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Activity Round Namsos

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FRESH LANDINGS OF ALLIED TROOPS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE SOUTH OF TRONDHEIM.

This report is still without official confirmation, but messages from Stockholm state that landings have been made at Molde Fjord, south of Andalsnes, and at Sundals Fjord, north of Andalsnes. From these two fjords there are good motor roads to the Gudbrands Valley south of Dombaas and to a small village north of Dombaas.

Other reports speak of reinforcements being landed at Namsos, north of Trondheim. There is no important change in the position here in the Allied/German positions just north of Steinkjer.

The first joint Anglo-British communique issued from this sector on Monday night spoke of patrol activity. Enemy patrols were repulsed with losses and several prisoners were taken.

A British raiding party ambushed a German detachment and took several prisoners.

Some of the reinforcements in the Namsos sector include crack ski troops, and messages from Stockholm say that in this sector the Allies have strong positions, with ski troops protecting the east flank as far as the Swedish border.—Reuter.

KIDNAPPED GERMANS SET FREE

Peiping, To-day.

All the four Germans who were kidnapped by bandits in the Western Hills are now back in Peiping.

The party, which included a member of the Nazi Embassy staff and a lady, were seized by the bandits near the hunting park, a favourite picnicking spot.

Two of them were released immediately and returned to Peiping with instructions from the bandits to bring back a ransom in the form of watches, cigarettes, food and other specified items, but the city was locked up for the night before they were able to start back to the hills.

The remaining two were released yesterday morning after a skirmish between Chinese gendarmes and the bandits.—Reuter.

ANGLO-EIRE TALKS

London, To-day.

The British Ministers concerned in the Anglo-Eire talks were Mr. Burgin (Supply Minister), Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith (Agriculture Minister), Lord Woolton (Food Minister) and Mr. R. S. Hudson (Shipping).

The first meeting, at which Mr. Anthony Eden presided, was in the nature of a general discussion and further discussions will be held in the next few days.—Reuter.

Short Withdrawal Near Dombaas

London, To-day.

A War Office communique states: In Sunday's fighting in the Gudbrand Valley the enemy attacked strongly with the support of tanks and low-flying aircraft.

All attacks were repulsed with heavy losses, including the destruction of three medium tanks.

During the night our troops made a short withdrawal to a position covering Dombaas.

Air attacks on Andalsnes and Molde are continuing during the day.

In the Namsos and Narvik areas the situation remains unchanged.—Reuter.

ADMISSION OF FAILURE

New York, To-day.

The "Chicago Times" says the Nazi organisation has failed to disguise the real significance of Hitler's war proclamation against Norway.

It was an admission of failure in Norway.

There is little doubt to-day that Hitler blundered by under-estimating the unity of the Norwegian people, if not the prowess of their little army.

The "Herald-Tribune" comments that Hitler has shown too many times that his word is good only until he takes it back; that his method is one victim at a time; that he will butter with praise, and lull into a false sense of security any nation which he has not marked for immediate assassination. Proof of Sweden's wickedness will also be forthcoming when and if the time is ripe and nothing von Ribbentrop says now will count.—Reuter.

LISBON AND LAPPA INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LISBON, TO-DAY.

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL MINISTRY ON THE INCIDENT ON LAPPA ISLAND BETWEEN PORTUGUESE POLICE AND CHINESE PUPPET TROOPS.

The communique says: "Several versions of the incident, involving Japanese and Portuguese troops on the island of Lappa, having circulated, the Portuguese Government announces that the incident resulted in the disappearance of three policemen. The Government will accompany the necessary demarches with an official protest in order to safeguard Portugal's rights."—Reuter.

REST ROOM FOR THE AUSTRALIANS

London, To-day.

In addition to the squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force now operating in England with the R.A.F. Coastal Command, hundreds of Australians are now serving with the Royal Navy, British Army, R.A.F. and other branches of national service.

In order to provide a rendezvous for such Australians when they come to London, a rest and reception room has been opened at Australia House by the Australian Women's Voluntary Services.—British Wireless.

ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communique said there was local activity of contact units. Our patrols took some prisoners. Two local attacks by enemy detachments have been repulsed.—Reuter.

ROSINA GALLI PASSES

Milan, To-day.

The celebrated operatic dancer, Rosina Galli, died yesterday at the age of 46.—Reuter.

Fighting On Allied Communications Line FRESH TROOPS RUSHED INTO ACTION

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE LATEST GERMAN CLAIMS HITHERTO HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY INDEPENDENT SWEDISH DESPATCHES BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT CONTACT BETWEEN THE ALLIES AND GERMANS HAS BEEN MADE AT VARIOUS POINTS ALONG THE DOMBAAS - STOEREN RAILWAY.

Reports reaching here state the Allies are strongly reinforcing the troops along the railway and south of Dombaas. These reinforcements were brought from fresh landing-places between Trondheim and Bergen.

Fighting was reported early yesterday at Hjerkin where a German mechanised detachment came down from the mountains after pushing across a difficult snowbound road.

A second detachment which left Tynset is reported to be still held up by Norwegian troops at Kvikne, 15 miles from the railway.

It is noted here that the German troops which are claimed by the German High Command to have made contact near Stopen with forces from Trondheim are these troops.

On the Steinkjer front German troops, without awaiting reinforcements from the south, made violent surprise attacks against the French and Norwegian lines on both sides of Lake Snaasa, according to a statement by Norwegian headquarters to the correspondent of the "Allehanda."

Driven Back

These onslaughts were supported by heavy artillery and planes but were driven back after severe fighting in which the Norwegians announce that heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans.

Reason for the sudden German attacks is believed to be the advent of warmer weather which will soon make the roads very difficult for mechanised troops. The roads are turning to slush while loosening ice on the streams threaten floods.—Reuter.

Dombaas Holding

London, To-day.

The War Office announces that in the Dombaas area the British, fighting with indomitable courage, have resisted any further advance by the enemy.

North of Steinkjer the British troops again proved their superiority in patrol work, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Fresh landings have taken place along the coast of Norway.—Reuter.

The German Claim

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency states news has just reached Berlin from Norway that German troops have taken Dombaas.

It is stated that German troops advanced northward from Otta, in the Gudbrand Valley along the railway line towards Andalsnes.

The High Command claims that the main Oslo-Trondheim railway line is now in German hands.

In addition to Dombaas, the state-

ment states the Germans have captured Opdal, on the Trondheim line north-east of Dombaas.—Reuter.

No Confirmation

London, To-day.

There was no confirmation in well-informed circles in London last night of reports that Dombaas and Stoeren had fallen to the Germans.—Reuter.

GERMAN LOSSES RUN HIGH

Gothenburg, To-day.

According to the newspaper "Gothenburg Posten," a Norwegian who has just arrived in Sweden states that the Germans were very surprised at the bombing of Fornebu.

Many places were destroyed and a bomb fell near the German Legation.

There is a continual despatch of troops to the north.

The dead and dying are driven back during the night over the Trondheim road to Oslo.

It is clear that the German losses are considerable.

Rationing has been sharpened.

Many German soldiers speak Norwegian and are believed to be former succoured German war children.—Reuter.

NOT MANY GERMANS THINK THEY WILL WIN THE WAR

New York, To-day.

A stirring of feeling among the German people is reported by Mr. William Russell, of the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, who has just returned to the United States.

Although 80 per cent of the people are happier since the invasion of Norway and Denmark, he says the other 20 per cent are in the depths of despair.

Not many Germans think that they will win the war.—Reuter.

ALLIES CLOSING ON NARVIK

Stockholm, To-day.

The Allied plan to arrange a cone-shaped encirclement of the Germans in the Narvik sector has now been completed, according to the Riksgården correspondent of the "Aftonbladet."

The correspondent adds that, according to reliable information, the Germans have given up the positions on the heights around Narvik and are now entrenched on the shore with machine-guns intended to prevent a landing of troops.

The British Fleet is stated to have silenced all heavier guns which the Germans possess.

Namsos was bombed by the Germans seven times in 14 hours on Monday, according to the "Aftonbladet" correspondent in north Trondelag.

He says the Germans aimed at landing places, and adds anti-aircraft guns and fighter planes took toll of the German bombers, but these are so plentiful that the Germans apparently do not heed losses.—Reuter.

NAVAL ACTION IN SKAGERRAK

Stockholm, To-day.

According to the "Gothenburg Post" a big naval action is believed to have taken place on Monday.

From 3 p.m. onwards flashes of heavy gunfire were seen south of Lysekil, on the Swedish coast, facing the Skagerrak.

Towards 10 p.m. the firing increased and the fighting appeared to be moving southward.—Reuter.

COUNTRY ANXIOUS FOR INFORMATION

London, To-day.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Labour Opposition leader, said in the Commons yesterday that while they all recognised the need for care in giving information while operations were in progress, he expressed the hope the Prime Minister would give the fullest possible information at the earliest time possible.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "That is my intention."—Reuter.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS FOR NORWAY

London, To-day.

A small party of press representatives are awaiting to go to the Norwegian front at short notice. More will follow.—British Wireless.

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ECONOMIC WARFARE, MR. CROSS TELLS AMERICANS, IS AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON

MAY DAY IN COLONY

Celebration of May Day to-day will be observed by at least several Chinese organisations.

Precautions against any possible incident have been taken by the police—plainclothes men have been assigned to watch certain individuals while units have been posted in the vicinities of certain factories and public places.

No public meetings have been planned by any of the labour organisations in the Colony.

ECONOMIC WARFARE is essentially an offensive weapon and to be effective it must be used with the same resolution and thoroughness as any other arm, said the Minister of Economic Warfare in a speech yesterday afternoon to the American Chamber of Commerce specially broadcast to the United States.

"We can certainly claim," said Mr. Ronald Cross, "that we have already made the Germans feel its pressure, but economic warfare does not produce quick results."

"Germany has an immensely powerful economic machine which has been organised for years to meet the very struggle in which she is now involved. The Germans are a redoubtable enemy and have shown their usual industry and skill in devising ways of evading the blockade. We are con-

stantly at work to defeat this evasion but it is undeniable that there are leaks in the blockade.

"One which is undoubtedly serious is the route via Vladivostok. Since the outbreak of war, a number of important commodities, copper, rubber, tin and other materials have been imported into Vladivostok in quantities which make it virtually certain that a good part at least is going to Germany.

SUSPICIOUS ROUTES

Many consignments, too, have reached Vladivostok by curious and suspicious routes.

"The United States have been the source of much of these raw materials and we wonder sometimes how far it is generally realised in your country that important supplies of key war materials have reached Germany in this way. Mention of this dangerous route via Vladivostok shows that the problems with which we have to deal in economic warfare are worldwide."

Referring to the necessity for Britain to cut down imports of goods not necessary for war purposes from America and other neutrals, Mr. Cross said it was surprising that British purchases of American foodstuffs had been maintained at so high a level.

BRITISH PURCHASES

In the normal years before the war, Britain bought some £20 million of such goods yearly while the latest estimate of similar purchases during the first year of the war is about £16 millions.

This fact, Mr. Cross said was a demonstration of Britain's desire not to divert trade from its normal channels more than was absolutely necessary.

Thanks to the cooperation of American shipowners, delays to ships at British Contraband bases, about which there were earlier certain complaints, have now been greatly reduced.

Of ten American vessels which passed inwards through Gibraltar since March 30, eight were cleared on the day they arrived and two were cleared the next day.

The navicert system had also been working well.

Over 48,000 applications for navicerts had been dealt with since December and nearly 300 fully navicerted ships, which need not enter control bases, have been cleared at sea within the past few months.—British Wireless.

NAZI AIR FORCE RUNS FROM FIGHT

London, To-day.

During the last 24 hours, formations of the R.A.F. Coastal Command aircraft on patrol along the Norwegian Coast report a series of encounters with enemy bombers.

One small flight of Blenheims, over Aandalsnes, gave chase to a Junkers 88 which accelerated to top speed and took refuge in a cloud. Avoiding action of this kind was also resorted to by two Heinkel 111s which the Blenheims intercepted and attacked from astern.

The Blenheims next observed a Messerschmidt-110 climbing out of a cloud and prepared to meet it. The Nazi fighter had a rough encounter and was last seen spiralling down in distress.

Two other Coastal Command aircraft saw a Heinkel 111 flying dead across their track. They got on its tail and pursued it for ten minutes with sustained fire. This Heinkel also flew into a cloud and could not be found again.

Another Junkers 88 was attacked effectively from the quarter and rear. Its tail gun was put out of action and as it fled great plumes of black smoke came from both its engines. The German was losing height rapidly as it made off.

Entering a fjord further south, Coastal Command aircraft met another Junkers 88 which turned and escaped in clouds over the hills behind the fjord.—British Wireless.

FEAT WORTHY OF VIKING FOREFATHERS

New York, To-day.

The Portland "Oregonian" commenting on the incident when Norwegian motor-bus drivers committed suicide by taking a load of German troops over a precipice writes:—

"This was such a feat as the fierce old Vikings could not but admire. There must have been a tumult of old battle-cries when they came into the great-hall of Odin and Dead Heroes.—Reuter.

SIMON BROADCASTING TO-NIGHT

London, To-day.

Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is making a broadcast speech to-night which will be heard on Daventry wavelengths commencing at 11 p.m. H.K. Time.—British Wireless.

END OF A CANARD

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated that no British officer or soldier has crossed the frontier into Sweden in the course of the present campaign in Norway.—British Wireless.

ADMIRALS SEE KING

London, To-day.

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Blake and Admiral Sir Sydney Meyrick were received by the King yesterday.—British Wireless.

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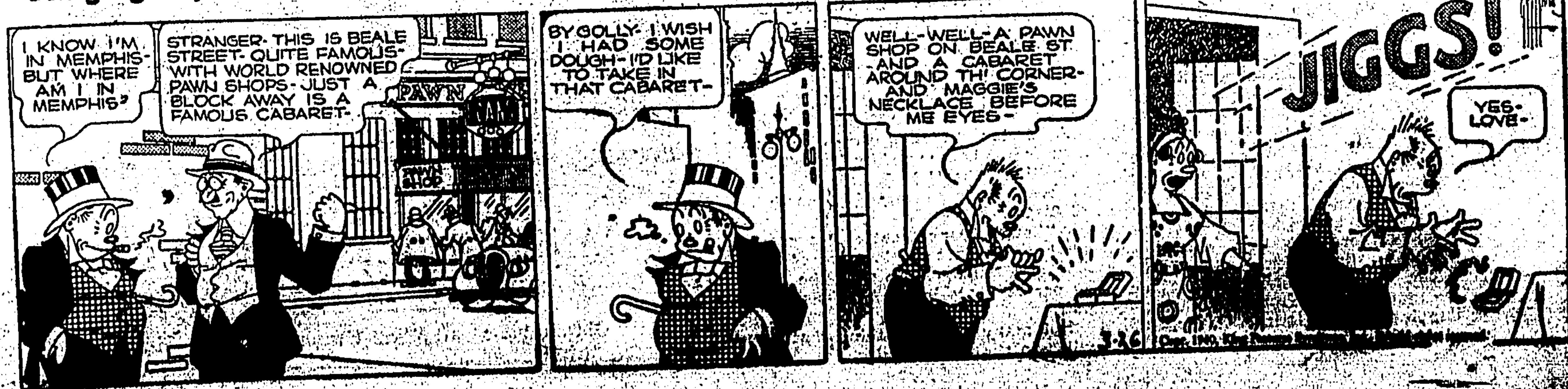
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A NUMBER OF TREES ON THE SLOPES HAVE BEEN CUT DOWN AND OTHERS LINKING THE ROADS HAVE BEEN DEBARKED," SAID MR. J. P. BRAGA, CHAIRMAN, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD., TO-DAY.

He was supported by Messrs. L. Kadoorie (alternating for Sir Elly Kadoorie), T. F. Lo (alternating for Sir Robert Ho Tung), and Mr. M. H. Lo, directors, Hugh Braga, general works manager, and B. Alves, secretary.

The chairman said:—

The net profit for the past year, after charging depreciation and providing for directors' and auditors' fees, amounts to \$2,611.70. Adding to this sum the balance of \$10,565.68 brought forward from the previous year's account, the total at credit of profit and loss account is \$13,177.47 which it is recommended be carried forward to the current year's account.

In an undertaking such as ours, with considerable demands on our resources for capital development expenditure, the board regard the policy of making adequate provision for depreciation as of first importance. They have acted in pursuance of that policy, which I trust you will agree is a sound and prudent course to adopt.

I shall now enlarge on the progress of our undertakings.

First, there is the workshop scheme to report upon. The erection of the extensive building on Crown land at To Kwa Wan, acquired by the Company in October, 1938, is now all but completed. The equipping of the workshop is proceeding steadily; purchases of plant and machinery are made to meet requirements from time to time. Not the least important of these requirements is the maintenance of major plant and tools in good working order for the carrying out of our contracts.

ENLARGED ESTATE

The enlargement of the company's estate by development of the hill between Kadoorie Avenue and the Diocesan Boys' School, which we purchased from Government in March of last year, is well under way. Sur-

veys were completed during the summer, and plans for formation of building sites prepared and submitted to the Public Works Department for approval. With a few minor amendments the plans were passed and work was put in hand almost at once. To-day the levelling of the hill, filling in of slopes and laying out of flat ground for building sites is well advanced. Formation of the whole area is expected to be completed by the end of the year. This hill extension enjoys a dominating position, commanding an uninterrupted view of the harbour and a broad land and sea outlook.

The building of more houses on the estate continues steadily. The programme now in course of execution includes three different types of residences. These are single storey bungalows, semi-detached houses, and large detached residences. Each house has its own separate garage and garden. All the houses are tenanted as soon as occupation certificates are issued by the Building Authority.

It might not appear out of place if I were to refer to a subject not strictly within the commercial purview of the Chairman's speech. I speak of the avenue of growing ornamental trees on both sides of the thoroughfares on our Estate. Eight years ago saplings of eucalyptus and cinnamon trees, and flame-of-the-forest, and seeds of horse-tail and other pines were planted on the slopes of the hills and on both sides of the roads running through our property.

TREE VANDALS

With proper nursing the young plants have grown to be tall, healthy trees, which do much to beautify the Estate as a whole. In recent weeks, I regret to say, tree vandals, who have been so active throughout the Colony, have devoted unwelcome attention to our property. A number of trees on the slopes have been cut down and carried away, and others lining the roads have been debarked. Efforts are being made to apprehend the persons responsible for this destruction of ornamental trees. In this connection I seek the kind co-operation of our valued tenants to endeavour to put a stop to the vandalism of thieves in the vicinity of their homes.

ST. GEORGE'S MANSIONS

Mention must be made of the important undertakings on the southwestern boundary of the estate, abutting on Argyle Street and directly facing Saunders Circus.

The activity that has been going on for the past four months on this site cannot have failed to attract the attention of passers-by at this pivotal point of three of Kowloon's main thoroughfares. The fine structures which are being erected include two blocks of apartments which your Company decided to build and which will be known as St. George's Mansions. Each block will contain six well appointed flats, designed on the most approved lines to suit the taste of the most fastidious tenant seeking apartments de luxe. The Company's patrons have only to await the completion of St. George's Mansions to be convinced that no effort has been spared by it to provide for Kowloon residential accommodation in line with the advances the Peninsula is making to justify its claims to up-to-dateness.

In the other department of the company's business,—general construction work—your directors have not been too eager to rush into contracts at a time when costs of materials have been rising from day to day and adequate supplies of indeterminate delivery. Considerable caution has had to be exercised, and in this respect the judgment of the technical staff has been relied on. I am happy to be able to report that our confidence in their judgment has not been misplaced.

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. M. K. Lo paid a tribute to the sound and conservative policy of the directors with regard to depreciation.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie were re-elected directors, and Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors at a fee of \$2,200.

FORNEBU BOMBED FOR AN HOUR

London, To-day.

Monday night's British air raid on Fornebu, outside Oslo, started shortly after midnight and lasted over an hour.

Numerous high explosive bombs were dropped and bursts were seen spreading across the landing ground.

In the absence of a moon, parachute flares were dropped to facilitate observation.

Strong opposition from gun batteries and searchlights developed but all attacks were pressed home and considerable damage is believed to have been done to the airport and aircraft.

One British aircraft failed to return. — Reuter.

SCANDINAVIA IN BLOCKADE ZONE

London, To-day.

Since the German invasion of Denmark and Norway, no shipping has been allowed to proceed to ports in Denmark or German-occupied Norway, said the Minister of Economic Warfare yesterday in reply to a Commons question.

Cargoes on ships destined for Denmark have been seized as prize.

Disposal of cargoes destined for Norway is being decided by the Norwegian Shipping and Trade Mission in London in consultation with His Majesty's Government. — British Wire-

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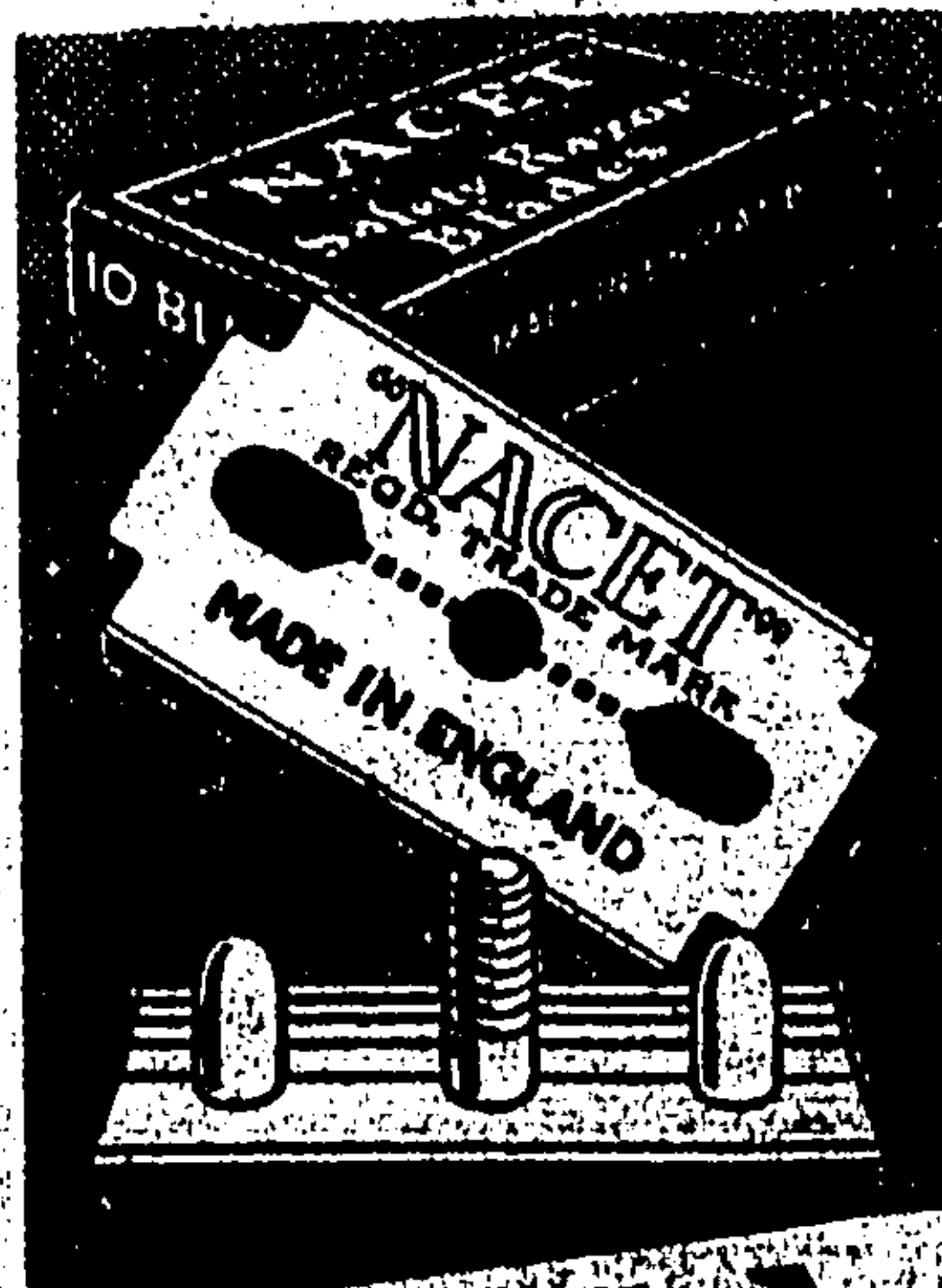
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NAZIS ARREST 19 BRITONS IN OSLO

Nineteen British volunteers to Finland, who failed to escape from Oslo when the Germans marched in have been arrested on the grounds of sabotage and espionage, and are to stand trial, states a message from Stockholm.

The names of some of the arrested men, according to private sources in Stockholm, are:—N. Munro, L. H. Tosh, C. R. Averill, J. Smith, — Young, H. Gee, T. J. Beccombe, H. A. Olive, W. H. Low, J. H. Munday, R. H. Johnstone, — Stevenson, — Henderson, G. Tarwithen, P. Saragap, — Owbridge, — Thompson, and J. H. Ford.

LABOUR AND THE WAR

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR PARTY, AFTER DEALING WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE MOVEMENT SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE LABOUR REPRESENTATIONS COMMITTEE FORTY YEARS AGO, DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE RISE OF THE DICTATORSHIPS WHICH IT DESCRIBES AS BEING "FOUNDED ON THE PERSECUTION OF ALL WHO CHERISH FREEDOM."

Trade Unionists, Socialists, Co-operators, Jews and liberal-minded Christians, the Report continues, have been treated with cruelties hitherto associated with mediaeval times.

Speaking of Hitler's Germany, it points out the conquest of mind as a result of which Austrians, — Sudetens, Czechs and Poles have been subjected to Nazi tyranny under the guise of territorial rectification.

"This threat," the Report continues, "must be resisted if life throughout Europe and the world is to offer any hope for advancement. As far as British Labour is concerned the chief aim of the present struggle is the age-old claim for simple human rights."—British Wireless.

GROWING SHORTAGE OF CHARTER SHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Tokyo, To-day.

As a result of the growing shortage of chartered vessels, which is being felt in Japan as well as the rest of the world, major shipping firms are annexing smaller concerns, while several small companies have merged. Lately there have been no transactions in ships and the lack of balance between charter and freight or passenger rates induces shipowners to operate their own ships.—Havas.

BRITISH SUBMARINE LOSSES

London, To-day.

Since the beginning of the war, Britain has only lost 7 of the 57 submarines she then had.

This figure includes the two latest losses, the submarines Tarpon and Sterlet, reported yesterday evening as overdue.

One of these seven submarines was sunk as a result of an accident.

This is a remarkable figure in view of the many dangerous operations the submarines of the Royal Navy have been called on to perform. The damage they have inflicted is well illustrated by British Admiralty figures showing that in the last three weeks the Germans have lost 40 transport and supply ships.

Of these, 28 were sunk, another was scuttled, one was set on fire, and another 10 were hit by torpedoes and probably sunk. There have also been an unknown number sunk by the mines in the Skager Rak.

GERMAN STORY

The Germans themselves admit officially the loss of 11 ships, but claim that these were all small ships, carrying not over 300 men, and that therefore the total loss of men could not be more than 3,000.

Unofficial German sources and neutral sources, however, believe that Allied mines and torpedoes have taken a much greater toll of transports and supply ships and that troop losses are in the "many thousands."—Reuter.

INVESTMENT SUPPORT ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Gilt-edged securities and Indian loans were bought on investment support on the Stock Exchange yesterday owing to the release of funds following payment for United States securities recently requisitioned by the authorities. Elsewhere movements were irregular but gold-minings finally turned brighter on stronger support. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

GOODS FROM NORWAY

London, To-day.

According to a parliamentary answer, so far as is possible licences will be granted freely for the importation of goods from those parts of Norway not under enemy control.—British Wireless.

EXTENDED TERM

London, To-day.

Mr. Herbert James Stanley's term of office as Governor of Southern Rhodesia has been extended until April, 1941.—Reuter.

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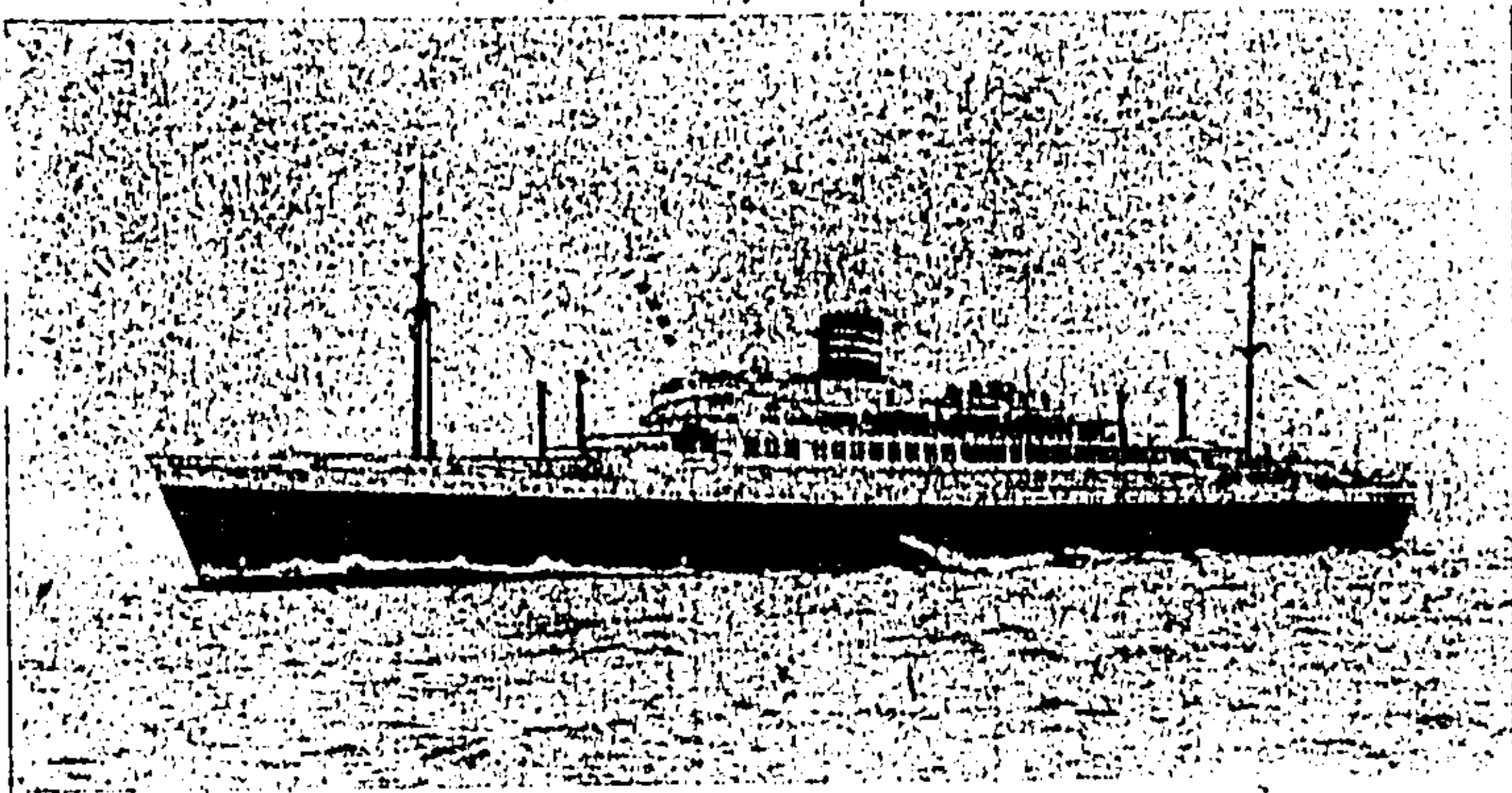
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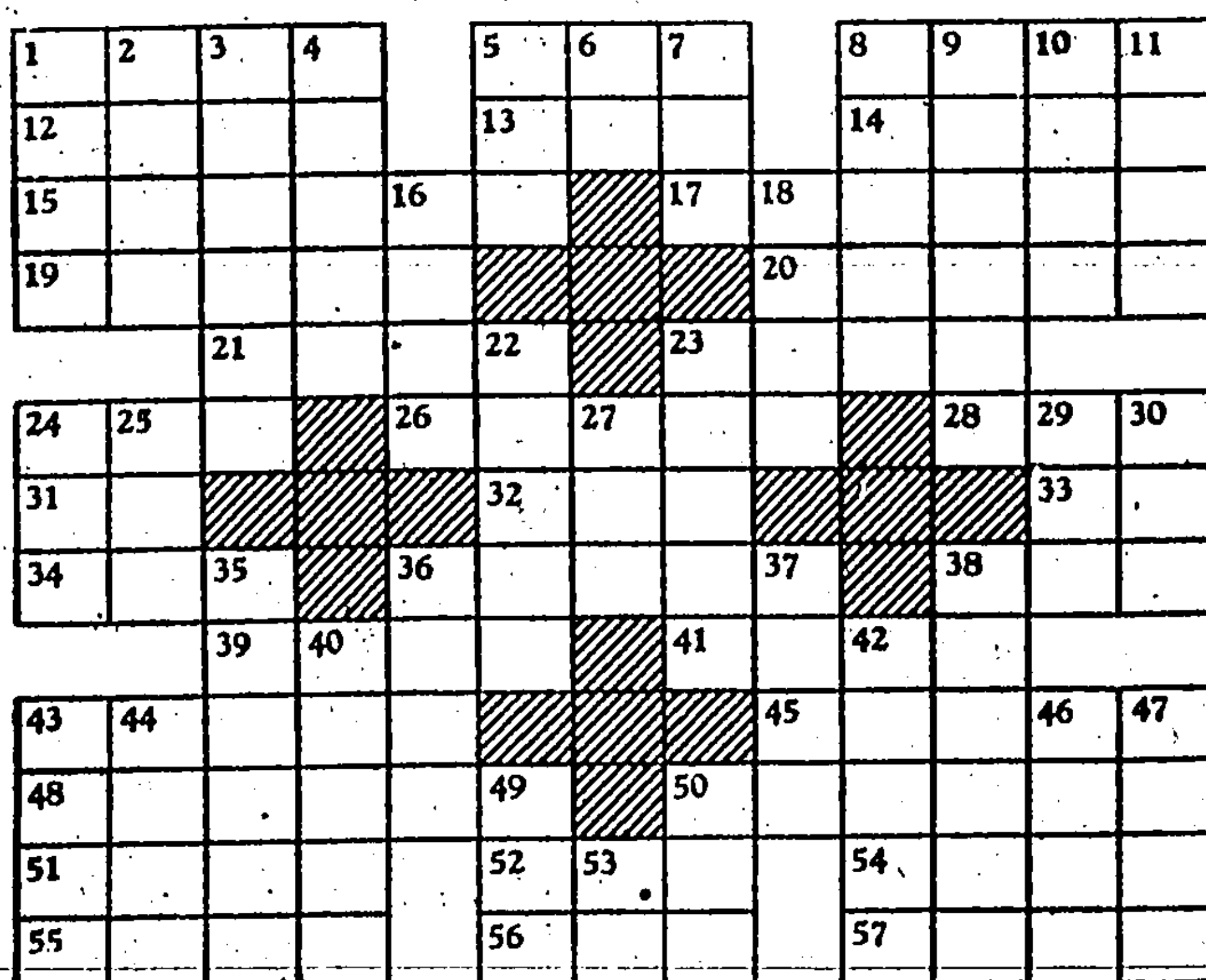
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- 17 Shooting star
- 19 Threefold
- 20 Platform
- 21 To care for
- 23 Preposition
- 24 Beverage
- 26 Song
- 28 Whimper
- 31 Article
- 32 Large tub
- 33 Symbol for calcium
- 34 Tree
- 36 To cavort
- 38 To hit lightly
- 39 Mongolian river
- 41 To nurture
- 43 To permit

VERTICAL

- 45 Ascended
- 48 Chinky
- 50 Hits
- 51 War god
- 52 Dandy
- 54 Desolate
- 55 To destroy
- 56 Plaything
- 57 Knife

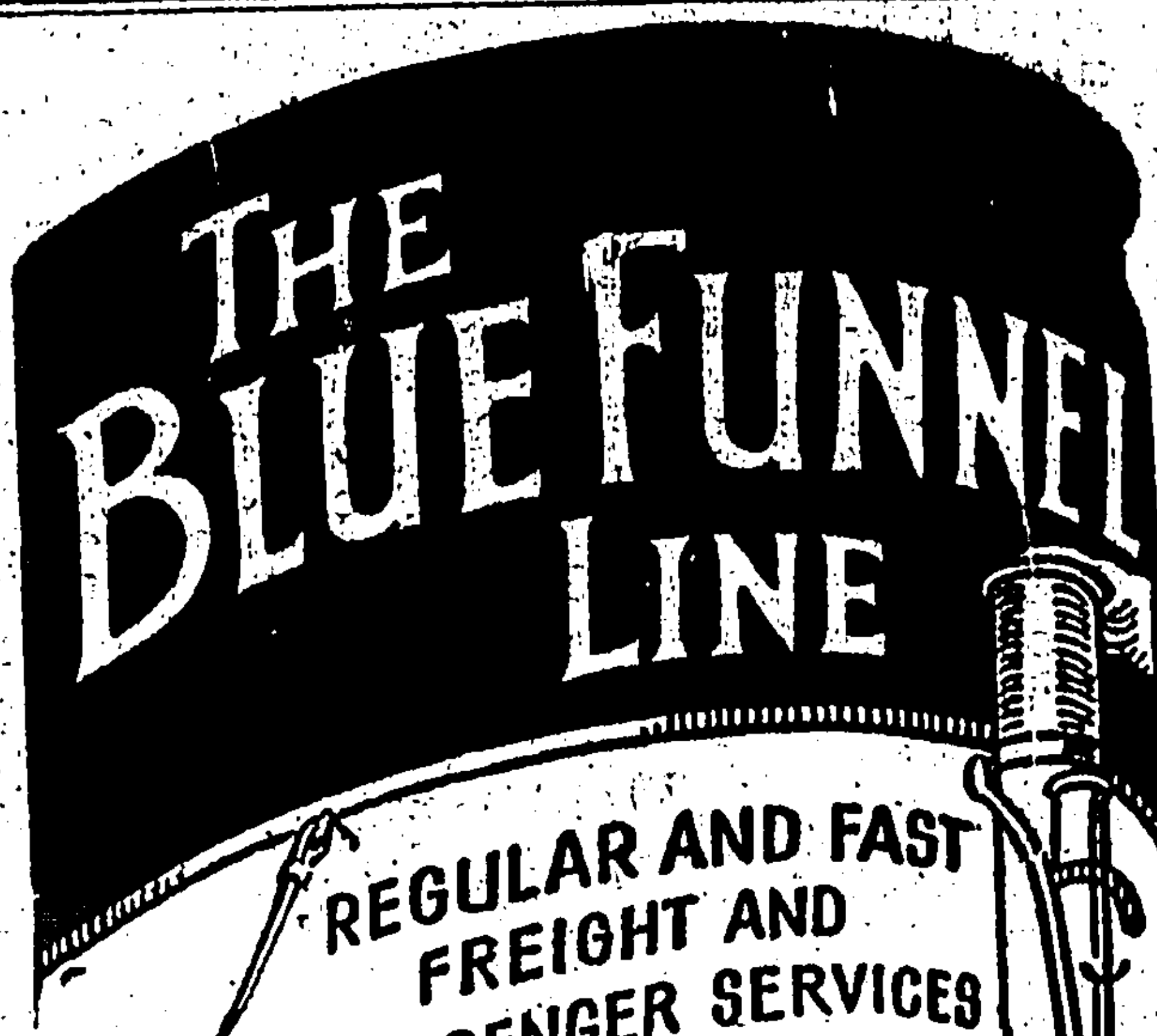
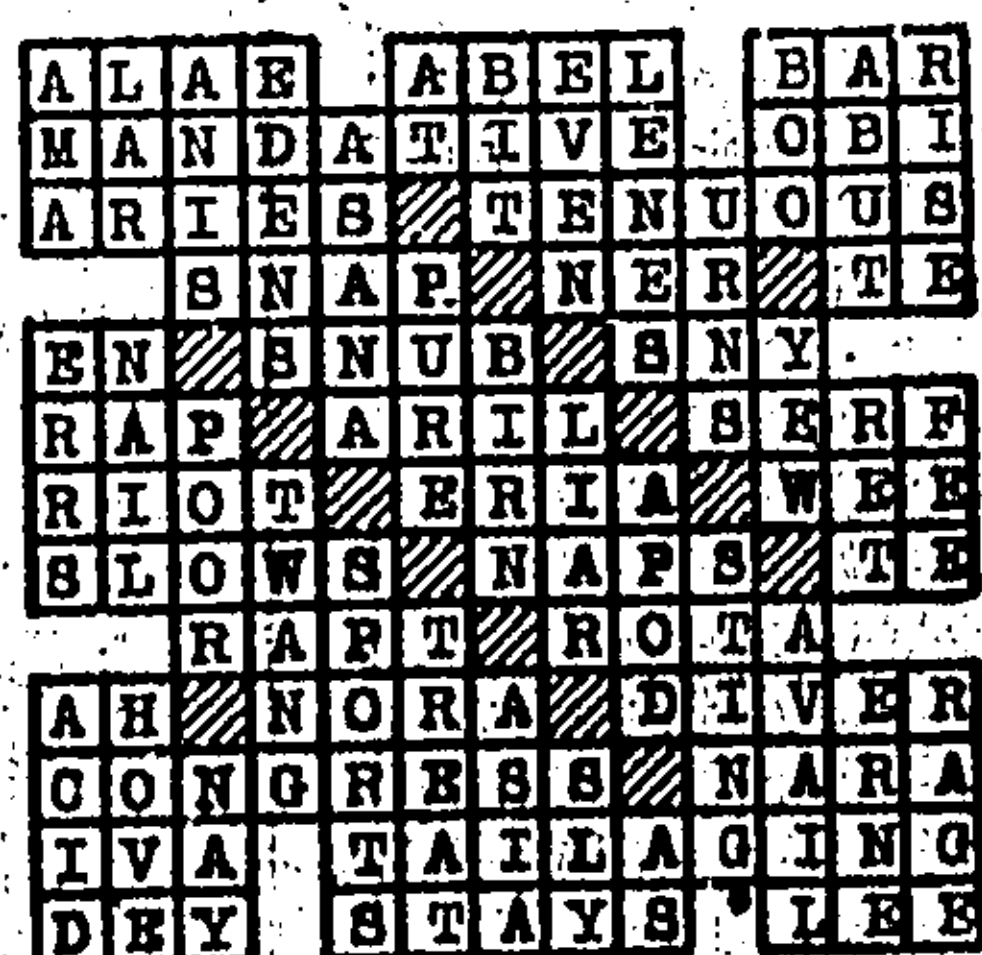
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- 1 Treaty
- 2 Ancient musical instrument
- 3 Music: a repeat
- 4 "Arabian Nights" wife of Sidi
- 5 To cook

VERTICAL

- 6 Artificial language
- 7 Dutch weight
- 8 Softly
- 9 Seas
- 10 Amphibian
- 11 Biblical weed
- 16 To ward off
- 18 To notice
- 22 Couch
- 23 To voice
- 24 Chinese pagoda
- 25 Abstract being
- 27 To knock
- 29 Peruvian tuber
- 30 Club
- 35 Fictional detective
- 36 Awes
- 37 To taper
- 38 Electrically charged particle
- 40 Lariat
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HITLER COUNTING CHICKENS

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler has sent an order of the day to German units in Norway stating that German troops have established connection by land between Oslo and Trondheim.

Thus, he says, the Western Powers' intention to bring Germany to her knees by the belated occupation of Norway has been finally crushed.

"You have accomplished the mighty task which I had to impose on you. I am proud of you. As the highest mark of gratitude I award General von Falkenhorst the Knight's insignia of the Iron Cross.

"I shall also decorate the bravest among you but the highest reward is the conviction that in a most fateful fight for our nation's existence you have made a decisive contribution."—Reuter.

SELF-INTEREST IN LOYALTY

Aden, To-day.

The local paper, "Fatatul Jezirah," in a leading article on India, says that all nations in the Orient under British rule, must reach a reasonable understanding with the British Government, but at the same time they must not forget that free strong kingdoms like Czechoslovakia, Austria, Poland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Albania and Abyssinia have all "lost their liberty in one night."

Totalitarians generally, the Nazis particularly, will always subdue every patriotic manifestation in every part of the world for securing "lebensraum."

On the contrary, the Allies will maintain the independence and liberties of their colonies.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH STARS AT CONCERT

London, To-day.

An all-star cast, including Maurice Chevalier, who flew from France, and Gracie Fields, appeared at an Anglo-French Concert which the Duke and Duchess of Kent attended in London yesterday.

The audience was entirely composed of French and British Servicemen.—British Wireless.

INCREASED CHARTER RATES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN AGREEMENT ON THE TARIFF HIRE OF REQUISITIONED MERCHANT VESSELS HAS BEEN REACHED, ACCORDING TO A COMMONS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, MR. R. S. HUDSON.

Under an agreement with representatives of deep sea tramp owners, a scale of rates has been fixed based on 6/- per deadweight ton per month for steam vessels of 8,000 tons deadweight and above, from March 1.

Corresponding rates for the previous period since the beginning of requisitioning was 5/6d.—Reuter.

JAP. FEARS OF "NYLON"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") TOKYO, TO-DAY.

NYLON STOCKINGS WILL NOT AFFECT SILK SALES APPRECIABLY DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, STATES THE "NICHINICHI," PUBLISHING A TELEGRAM FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE YOKOHAMA RAW SILK EXCHANGE, WHO IS NOW IN NEW YORK.

Nylon, it is estimated, will make a five per cent inroad into the silk market this year and 10 per cent next year.

Nylon, it is explained, corresponds to the highest quality silk stockings and cannot find extensive consumption.—Havas.

FINE ON ITALIAN

An Italian Chinese Maritime Customs Officer, Arturo Palmadisi, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with failing to notify a change of residence within the prescribed period.

Defendant said that he took out a registration card when he entered the Colony, and thought he had already complied with the regulations. Yesterday he went to the Registration Office and reported that he was leaving the Colony for Shanghai. When his present address was given, the police found it had been changed.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

TRADE DISCUSSIONS

London, To-day.

The Minister of Economic Warfare stated in a Commons reply yesterday that war trade discussions with neutral Governments were constantly in progress.—British Wireless.

RICE TICKET SYSTEM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsinking, To-day.

The municipality has decided to introduce in the capital a ticket system for the distribution of rice, as from June 1.

The authorities are already making preparations with the Manchuria Cereal Company for enforcement of the system.

The system may later be extended to coal and other commodities.

Plan is to eliminate hoarding and curb the prevailing underhand transactions which tend to raise prices unduly. Other towns in Manchukuo may follow Hsinking's example.—Havas.

JAPANESE DEFENSIVE AGREEMENTS?

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan may open negotiations with various countries for defensive agreements to prevent Far Eastern countries becoming involved in the European war, the "Miyako Shimbun" reported to-day.

The paper understands the Japanese Government intends to try and maintain the status quo in Far Eastern countries having direct or indirect relations with various European powers, and prevent their becoming involved in the conflict.—Reuter.

THE STREET WASHING LINE DANGER

A small Chinese boy, Hau Sze-chiu, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday with head injuries caused when a bamboo pole fell from the third floor of No. 100, Peiho Street.

MINE DOES DAMAGE

It has now been disclosed that window panes in the Cheung Chau Hospital, the Police Station and a number of private dwellings were smashed when a mine exploded some 600 yards south-east of the police station last Saturday morning.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16.

London silver was quoted at 21-1/16 spot and 21 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$3.50-7/8.

NAZI AERIAL SIDETRACK IN BLOCKADE

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons what steps he was taking to check aerial traffic to and from Germany, especially over routes leading from Spain and Portugal and connecting with the Pan-American trans-Atlantic routes to the United States, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, replied that as the aircraft do not land in Allied territory in the normal course of their journeys, it is difficult to check them without some arrangements with the neutrals concerned.

The possibilities were being examined; he was certainly not satisfied with the position and was doing everything he could.—Reuter.



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JAPANESE ATTACKS BREAK DOWN

Chungking, To-day.

Fierce Japanese counter-attacks in north Kiangsi have broken down, according to field dispatches.

Tsingan, 30 miles north-west of Nanchang, was the scene of bitter street fighting in the period April 27-29. Japanese reinforcements forced an entry, but all who entered the city were wiped out.

In the outskirts, the Japanese force is retreating on Sunfow, on the south bank of the Liao River, about 20 miles west of Nanchang.

Fighting is also going on at Tehan, on the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway, 33 miles south of Kiukiang, and Juichang, 22 miles west of Kiukiang. Hills southwest of Juichang have been re-occupied by the Chinese.

While Japanese forces are pushing toward Tsingyang in Anhwei, Chinese units are making sweeping advances with Tungling as their objective, according to military advices from the Anhwei front. Spirited combats are said to be raging northeast of Tungling.

Japanese communication lines at Tikang, Tungling, Tatung, Fanchang, Nanling and Tsingyang have been severed.—Central News.

PLAYS AT ST. ANDREW'S

THE STANDARD OF THE FOUR SHORT PLAYS PRODUCED BY ST. ANDREW'S CLUB IN THE CHURCH HALL LAST NIGHT WAS DESERVING OF FAR BETTER SUPPORT THAN WAS FORTHCOMING.

First play "The Robinson's Refugee" was topical, dealing with the trials and vicissitudes of a family outside the "danger zone," who were "inflicted" with a bad-tempered aunt and whose spare room had been variously promised to different people by members of the household.

Barbara Stevenson as the maid gave a very convincing performance and she was well-supported by the other members of the cast. Pauline Jeffreys was very natural as the daughter of the household, while Molly Higgs and Trevor Gould were convincing parents.

Charles Thom as the aged grandparent, was the star turn in "Lovely Lady" and Ralph Dormer was good as an art expert-cum-crook, although apt to forget his accent on occasions when he should have been using it. Betty Jeffreys and Olive Jeffreys were also good in their respective roles.

The ultra-modern "Lobelia Scores," featuring those experienced players, Eileen Bliss and Iris Woolley, was most entertaining, with the "Zasu Pitts" type of humour of Grace Darby being a pleasing feature.

"With Variations" was rather on the heavy side and several members of the cast were inclined to over-act. Florence Hood, Rita Cole and Rupert Baldwin were outstanding members of the cast.

The programme will be repeated this evening.

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NATHAN ROAD MISHAP

When Lieut. Dickson, who was driving a private car in Nathan Road near Jordan Road yesterday, stopped suddenly to avoid a bicycle, a car driven by Miss E. Hanney, of Kowloon Hospital, ran into the back of his car, causing slight damage to both.

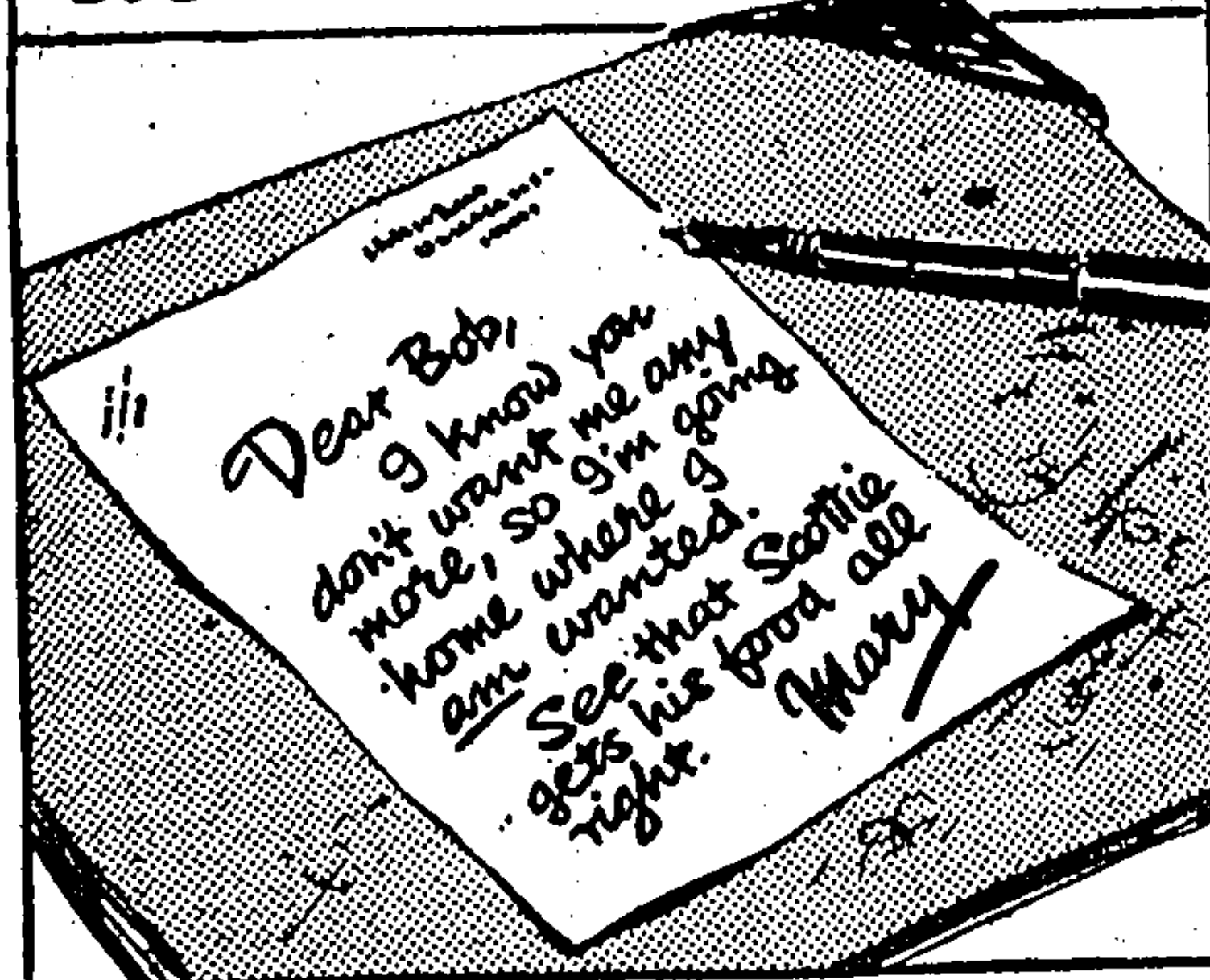
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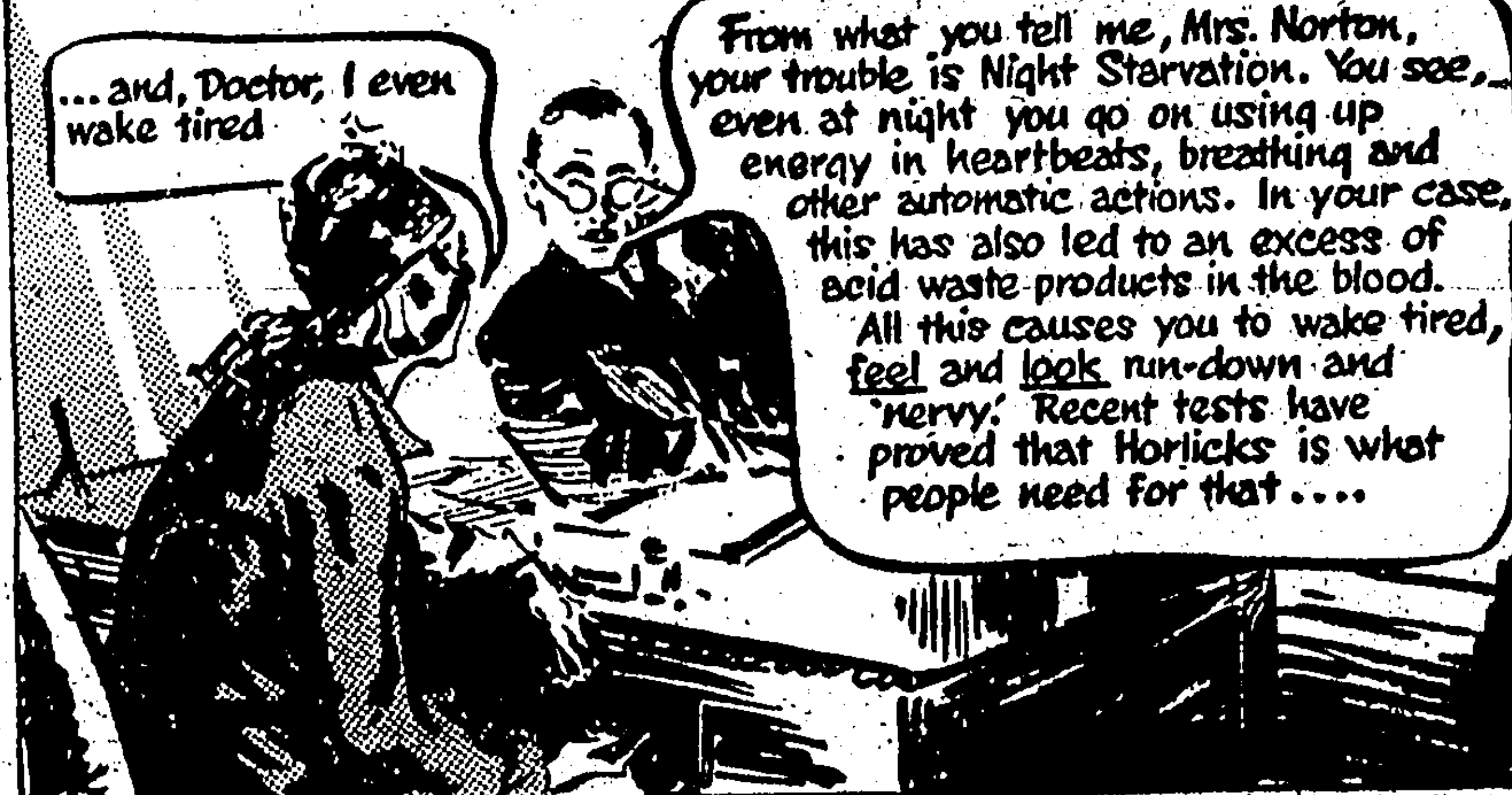
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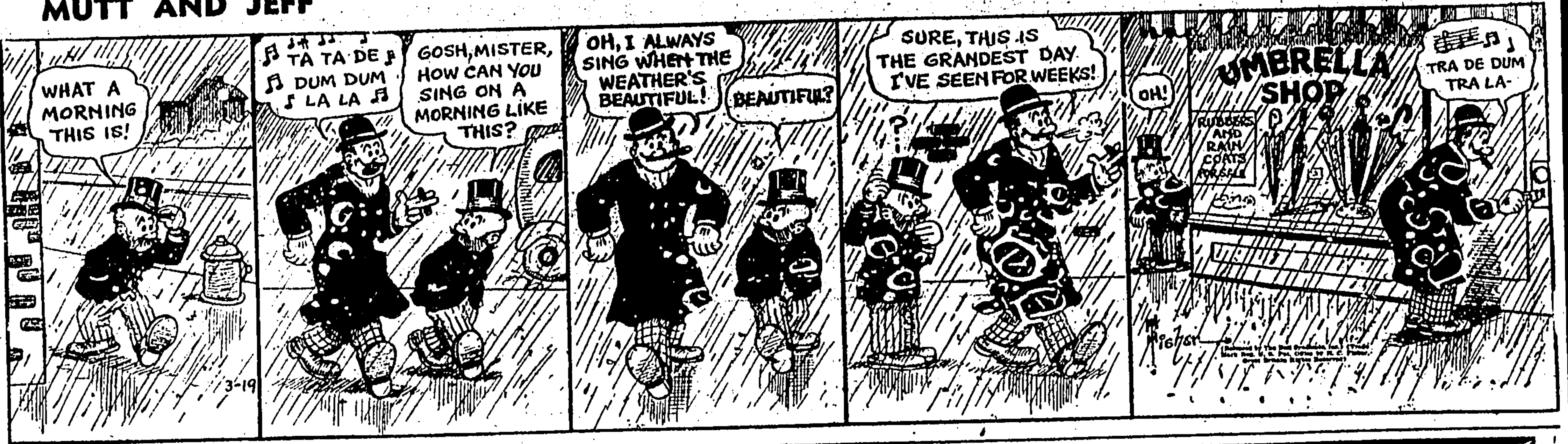
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6.48 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.48 p.m.—Songs by Herbert Groh (Tenor):
There Once Lived (Operette 'In the Realm of Indra'); Frisquita—Serenade (Lehar-Willner-Reichert) ... Herbert Groh with Orchestra.
"The Beggar Student"—Duet—Let's presume (Millocker); "Gasparone"—Duet—Full of Joy (Millocker) ... Herbert Groh with Margaret Slezak (Soprano) with Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra.
"Hallelujah, I'm A Tramp"—Selection (Hart & Rodgers); "A Bed-

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time Story"—Selection (Rainger); Globe-Trotting with the Tiger (arr. Phil Green); "Five O'Clock Girl"—Selection (Ruby); "Love Lies"—Selection (De Sylva & Others); "The Gay Nineties"—Waltz Medley.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Ambrose and His Orchestra in Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Just Say 'Aloha'; Miracles Sometimes Happen.
Rumba—Cuban Pete.
Slow Fox-Trot—Lady From Mayfair.

Fox-Trots—Saving Up My Time To Spend On You; Crazy With Love (from 'This'll make you whistle'); I'll Step Out Of The Picture; Whotcha Gotcha Trombone For?
8.30 p.m.—Marcel Palotti at the Organ.
Magic Chimes—Intermezzo (Rust); Whispering of the Flowers (Franz v. Blon)...with Hawaiian Guitar.
Feramors—Dance of the Brides of Kashmir (Rubinstein).
8.40 p.m.—Two Grieg Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).
A Swan, Op. 25, No. 2; In The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3...with Piano ac-

comp. by Edwin McArthur.
8.47 p.m.—Grieg—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16. Wilhelm Beckhaus (Piano) and The New Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—"The Voice of the Nazi"—4. Talk recorded by Professor W. A. Sinclair.
9.45 p.m.—Variety with Patricia Rossborough, Frank Luther, Fred Astaire, and Others.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Matters of Moment". Talk by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of Exchequer.
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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South, Dealer

♠ 10 6 4	♥ 9 6 3	♦ 9 8 7	♣ J 6 4 2
♠ 7	♥ J 10 6 4	♦ Q J 10 2	♣ Q 10 9 7
♠ A Q 5 3 2	♥ A K	♦ A K 4 3	♣ K 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
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West opened the Queen of diamonds and East carefully played his high diamond—the six. Declarer won with the King and led a low spade towards dummy's ten. East won with the Jack and returned the five of diamonds, South ducking. West won with the ten and now, reading his partner's play of the six and five diamonds as showing length, continued with the Queen, thereby giving Declarer a third diamond trick, which he promptly cashed, East discarding the deuce and seven of hearts on the last two diamond plays.

South now played the Ace and another spade, West discarding first the seven (his lowest club) and next the four of hearts. East won the trick and promptly led the three of clubs—a play which was wrong for two reasons. First, his partner's first discard

had been the lowest outstanding club. Hence, West could not want that suit. Second, it was obvious that Declarer could not get in dummy. South went up with the King of clubs and led another spade, which East won.

At this point East could still set the contract by simply playing a club. Instead he made his final mistake and led a heart, whereupon Declarer cashed his Ace-King of hearts and the thirteenth spade to fulfill his contract for a top score.

You were Howard Schenken's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ K x
♣ x

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Burnstone	Schenken
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	1♥
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades (a force). Even though your partner has shown four or more hearts, it might be better to play the hand in spades.

Score 100% for two spades, 80% for four hearts, 70% for three hearts, QUESTION NO. 388

David Bruce Burnstone is your partner and again your hand is:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ K x
♣ x

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Burnstone
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	2♣
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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K.D.R.C. TEAM

Following will represent Kowloon Docks R.C. v Police R.C. on Saturday, at Kowloon Docks in First Division of the Lawn Bowls League:—
A. M. Calman; W. McMaster; R. Morrison and J. McKelvie. (Skip).
J. Revie; M. Ferguson; T. Coleman and J. Kempton. (Skip).
W. Houston; C. S. M. Thom; R. Lapsley (Senr) and F. Cullen. (Skip).
Reserves:—W. Mackie and R. H. A. Lapsley.

H.K.F.C. TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Hong Kong Football Club in the opening games in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Team (v Club de Recreio "B", at King's Park)—A. Watson, G. E. Stephens, L. E. Lammert and N. J. Bebbington (skip); J. H. Gelling, J. Watson, K. S. Robertson and A. Brooksbank (skip); J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and W. Gill (skip).

Third Team (v P.O.R.C. at Stanley)—T. Waller, B. I. Bickford; C. F. Needham and G. S. Graver (skip); F. P. Analsow, C. G. Solis, B. A. Mansell and H. G. Wallington (skip); H. H. Beddow, T. R. Rowell, J. I. Barnes and S. H. Strange (skip).

RECREIO TEAMS

The following links have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio in their opening Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday:

"A" v Craigengower (Home):—L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves.
L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. M. Silva.
J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva.
"B" v Hong Kong F.C. (Home):—C. C. Pereira, D. C. S. Alves, A. P. Guterres and B. Basto.



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F. Machado, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto.
C. F. Vas, J. C. Remedios, C. Roza Pereira and J. E. Noronha.
Second Division v Hong Kong C. C. (Away):—M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues and O. P. Pereira.
J. A. Remedios, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., C. M. S. Alves and P. Yvampvich.
F. A. Xavier, A. P. Pereira Jr., E. M. Remedios and E. Sousa.



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JUNIOR CRICKET PLAY-OFF WILL TAKE PLACE AT I.R.C.

DISMAL SEASON FOR K.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

Champions last season and with an even more impressive looking team on paper with which to start this season, Kowloon Cricket Club's record for the past season makes dismal reading.

Only match of which they have any reason at all to be satisfied was that with I.R.C., present joint-leaders, whom they beat in their first fixture of the season, by 11 runs.

Only other successes were registered against the acknowledged weaker teams, while defeats were administered by Craigengower, Army, Recreio and Police.

K.C.C. batting, strengthened this season by the inclusion of R. T. Broadbridge and K. M. Baxter, brought down from the senior team, and F. J. Lay, the best schoolboy bat of last season, was very inconsistent and only the skipper, W. Mulcahy, made runs with any regularity.

Rupert Baldwin met with most success with the ball, while new recruit E. Curtis showed promising form with both the ball and the bat and appears to be likely material for promotion next season.

RECORD OF MATCHES

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
8	4	4	0	12

RESULTS OF MATCHES

K.C.C.—120, beat I.R.C., 109, by 11 runs.

163 for 7 dec., beat University, 112, by 51 runs.

69, lost to C.C.C., 147 for 9 dec., by 78 runs.

98, lost to Army, 169 for 5 dec., by 71 runs.

192 for 8, beat C.S.C.C., 83, by 7 wickets.

87 for 4, beat R.A.F., 86, by 6 wickets.

125, lost to Recreio, 157, by 32 runs.

132 for 9 dec., lost to Police, 135 for 8, by 2 wickets.

K.C.C. scored 986 runs for 68 wickets, giving an average of 14.50, against their opponents' 998 runs for 72 wickets, an average of 13.86 per wicket.

BATTING

	N.	O.	R.	S.	Avg.
F. J. Lay	5	0	121	44	24.20
W. Mulcahy	8	1	156	49	22.29
E. Curtis	7	3	75	27	18.75
R. T. Broadbridge	7	0	121	37	17.29
K. M. Baxter	7	0	111	27	15.85
S. A. Gray	6	1	73	49	14.60
R. Baldwin	6	1	64	23	12.60
G. A. V. Hall	5	1	43	33	10.75

Following also batted:—G. A. Goodban (5, 0, 24, 9, 5, 5), G. E. Taylor (0, 0, 8, 15), R. Harding (2), C. Pope (1, 3, 5), R. A. J.

No Other Ground Is Available

B. C. FAY TO PLAY AND POLICE NOW HAVE GOOD CHANCE

By "ADREM"

THE PLAY-OFF for the Junior cricket championship has definitely been arranged and, contrary to earlier expectations, will be played on Indian Recreation Club instead of Club de Recreio, which is not available.

It speaks much for the keenness of Police that they are prepared to take on their opponents on the latter's own territory, but as that is the only ground

which can possibly be obtained at this stage of the season, when all clubs are hard at lawn bowls, there is really nothing else for it.

The true I.R.C. wicket will probably favour the home team, who are not so well served in the way of batting, but who appear to have the better-balanced bowling side. It seems to me that such success as the bowlers meet will decide the day.

MAY BE A DRAW

If the match had been played on Recreio ground, as was originally arranged, there is little doubt that there would have been a definite decision but on a perfect batsman's wicket at Sookunpoo, a draw must not now be left of the reckoning. What will happen in that event I cannot imagine.

The week's delay has meant little to I.R.C., who will field the same side selected for last Saturday, but to Police it means that they will have the services of B. C. Fay.

Fay may quite easily make all the difference between success and failure as, on his day with the ball, he is far above Junior cricket with an important cap not outside the bounds of possibility.

He is a good bat and an excellent field. Police will therefore have variety in their attack which will be in the hands of Fay and Pope (Fast-medium right hand), Lewis (medium left hand) and Danbrowsky (slow right hand).

I.R.C.'s prospects of success will depend a great deal on the form of M. R. Abbas, their best bowler. If he succeeds in getting rid of the Police batsmen fairly cheaply, they should win but, having regard to the inclusion of Fay and the general better balance of the Police team, I now think they will win.

Following are the teams:—
POLICE—Hon. Mr. T. H. King, B. C. Fay, C. Pope (capt.), W. L. Clarke, A. E. Carey, T. R. Hunter, J. Lewis, A. Kirby, A. Estall, H. Danbrowsky and L. Oakley. Reserve—B. G. Barker.
INDIA—R.C.—M. I. Razack (capt.), M. R. Abbas, A. el Arculli, H. T. Barma, A. H. Ismail, A. R. Marker, J. M. A. Rumjahn, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Suffiad, F. A. Curreen and T. Ali.

There will be the usual spoon and practice shoots at Kowloon City Range commencing at 1.45 p.m. to-day.

MANILA TEAM TO PLAY MOVIE STARS

The Chinese Girls' basketball team from Manila will play an extra game to-night at Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Hong Kong) with Hong Kong Chinese movie actresses, owing to the delayed sailing of their ship.

The match will be played at 8.15 p.m. and, prior to this game, a men's game between Eastern and "Sin Tao Jih Pao" will be started at 7.15 p.m.

JUNIOR CRICKET CLUBS

ONLY 12 MEN PLAYED IN LEAGUE FOR RECREIO

By "ADREM"

ALTHOUGH CLUB DE RECREIO failed to win the Junior cricket championship, I would rate them the best balanced team in the Division.

Their batting, hitherto the department which caused them chief anxiety, was remarkably sound and except for two bad performances, against Police and I.R.C., both of whom administered defeats, they never had any difficulty in scoring runs.

Every member of the side with the exception of Mike Mendonca, their stumper, made runs on various occasions, and he is the only one in the team who failed to finish with a double-figure average.

One of the secrets of Recreio's success lay in the fact that they

had the same team out practically every Saturday. It is a remarkable fact that in their seven matches, only 12 men in all were called upon.

At the head of the batting averages, is A. E. Noronha, assisted by several not outs, but most successful batsman was veteran Henry Barros, who, at the outset of the season, made some very useful scores. He had easily the highest aggregate—169.

Most successful bowler was George Guterres, who in seven matches took 24 wickets for an average of only 8. A. V. Gosano, Jackie Noronha and M. A. Remedios also took useful wickets on various occasions.

The Recreio team for the season just concluded, was composed of a nice blending of youth and experience and with several promising schoolboys who can be expected to join their ranks next season, the state of cricket at King's Park can be said to be very healthy and Recreio should have no cause for worry for several seasons to come.

RECORD OF MATCHES

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
7	5	2	0	15

RESULTS OF MATCHES

Recreio—129 for 5 dec., beat O.S.C.C., 44, by 85 runs.

67 lost to Police, 144 for 9, by 6 wickets.

172 for 4 dec., beat University, 38, by 134 runs.

158 for 8 dec., beat C.C.C., 126, by 32 runs.

167, beat K.C.C., 125, by 32 runs.

141 for 3 dec., beat R.A.F., 48, by 93 runs.

77 lost to I.R.C., 81 for 8, by 2 wickets.

Club de Recreio scored 901 runs for 50 wickets, giving an average of 18.02 per wicket, against their opponents' 606 for 67 wickets, an average of 9.04 per wicket.

BATTING

	N.	O.	R.	S.	Avg.
A. E. Noronha	5	3	68	53	34.00
H. A. Barros	7	1	169	58	28.17
H. M. Xavier	6	1	98	58	19.20
A. M. Prata	5	0	95	33	19.20
A. V. Gosano	4	0	74	33	18.50
J. A. Soares	4	2	35	17	17.50
G. A. Guterres	6	2	67	24	16.75
J. E. Noronha	4	0	67	32	14.25
F. H. Carvalho	4	1	34	25	11.33
M. A. Remedios	7	0	74	29	10.57
A. J. M. Prata	7	0	72	23	10.29

Following also batted:—M. M. Mendonca (0).

BOWLING

	Inns.	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
M. A. Remedios	5	18.3	5	51	12	4.25
G. A. Guterres	7	52.5	7	19	24	8.00
A. V. Gosano	5	29.4	7	1	8	9.18
A. E. Noronha	7	34.3	3	124	12	10.33
J. E. Noronha	5	19.6	3	62	5	16.40

Following also bowled:—J. A. Soares (3-0-16-1), A. J. M. Prata (2-0-17-1), F. H. Carvalho (2-0-18-1).

Following held catches:—G. A. Guterres (8), A. M. Prata (5), A. V. Gosano (4), J. E. Noronha (5), M. A. Remedios (3), H. M. Xavier (5), A. J. M. Prata (2), J. A. Soares (3), F. H. Carvalho (2), H. A. Barros (2), M. M. Mendonca stumped two.

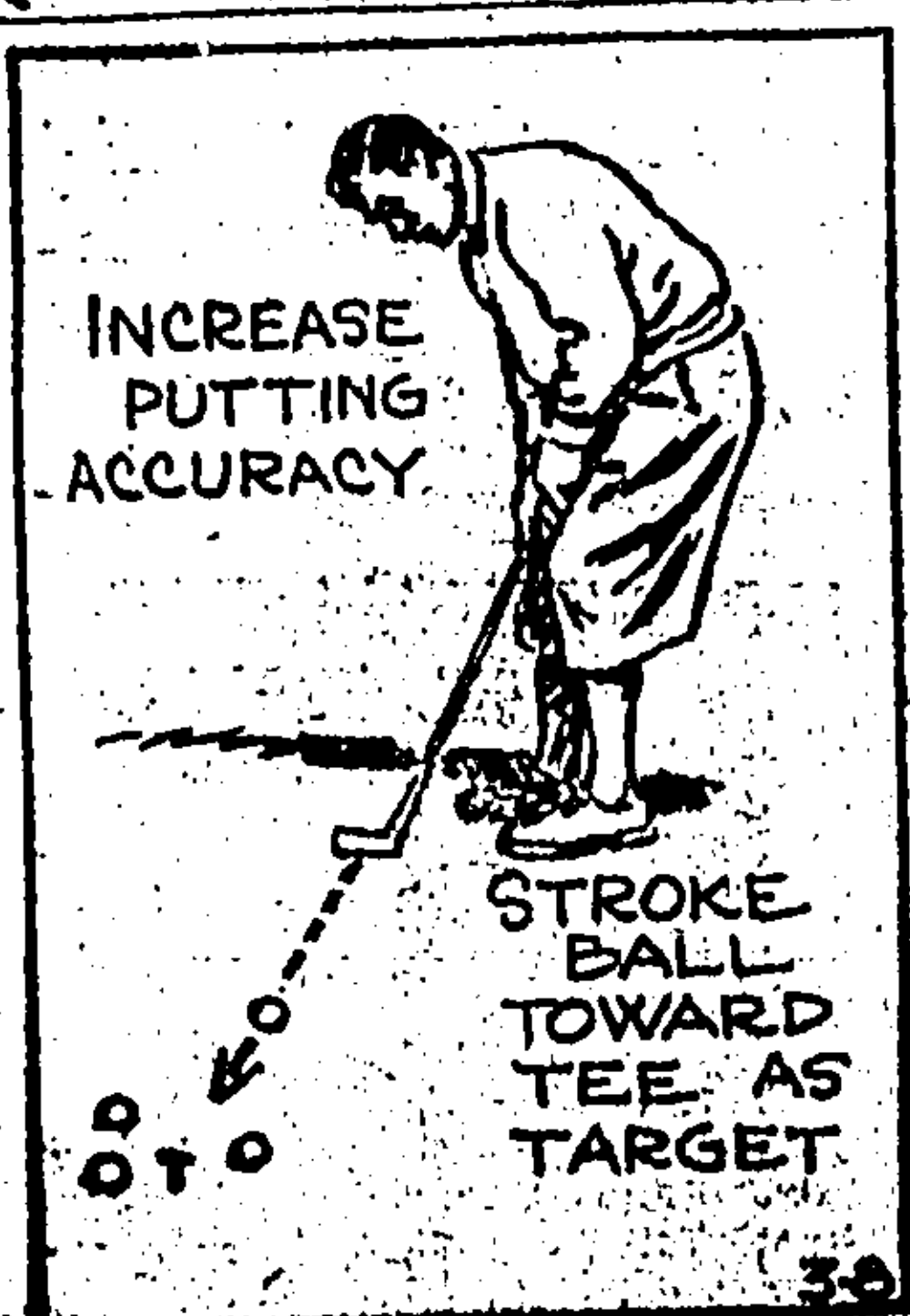
SMALL TARGET PUTTING HELP

BY BEST BALL

There are many methods of putting practice but few simpler or more beneficial than the one illustrated above. All one requires in this instance is smooth patch of turf with a wooden tee stuck into as a target. The results are up to the player. If he is determined in his desire to improve this phase of his game, conscientious practice will do it. With a dozen balls as ammunition he can putt balls toward the pin to his mind's content.

Stroking experimentation is all right in its place but once the player has found the style which suits him, he should make certain to incorporate this method into his game. This means that, in practice like that above, the same stroke should be made time after time, with the full mental faculties focussed upon the process, until the style of putting becomes muscle memorized. The wooden pin makes a difficult target but by contrast the cup in actual play

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will loom large, even inviting. By merely switching the position of the pin and using more of them, practice can be kept interesting. Next Article:—The Correct Start.

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R.H.K.G.C. FIRST SUMMER SINGLES

Following is the draw for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club first Summer singles—

Preliminary Round—(A) W. A. Steward (9) v G. T. May (13); (B) G. E. Willerton (12) v G. W. Sewell (12); (C) W. H. Jowitt (11) v W. T. Ahern (9); (D) Major Harvey (8) v H. H. Mundy (8).

First Round—T. N. Low (11) v A. G. C. Butterfield (18); A. McKellar (6) v W. R. Hillyer (15); A. C. I. Bowler (7) v J. Linaker (12); F. C. Barry (9) v A. J. MacFayden (18); G. M. Park (6) v Surg. Cdr. Nicholson (6); E. Tuck (14) v R. G. Parker (8); A. H. Penn (12) v S. F. Chubb (15); Winner of (A) v Winner of (B); Winner of (C) v Winner of (D); H. Smith (8) v W. W. C. Shewan (6); Col. Matthews (12) v D. Humphreys (7); G. W. Reeve (13) v Lt. Carter (9); S. Greenwood (18) v W. S. Hillier (18); J. W. Macdonald (7) v C. C. Stark (9); T. J. Price (9) v N. J. Bebbington (12); K. S. Robertson (5) v M. A. Cairns (X).

CONDITIONS

Competitors are requested to check and/or complete telephone numbers.

The first player in each bracket is the challenger and is responsible for dates.

The Committee may alter dates if necessary on account of the condition of the course.

Handicaps as above throughout.

Rounds will be played on mornings of the allotted dates unless otherwise agreed upon, but players are requested to fix as early a date as possible as weather or other causes may interfere.

"X" will play from scratch unless allotted local handicap.

Preliminary round on or before 12th. May, 1940.

1st. Round on or (by mutual arrangement) before 19th May, 1940.

2nd. Round on or (by mutual arrangement) before 2nd. June, 1940.

3rd. Round on or (by mutual arrangement) before 16th. June, 1940.

Semi-final on or (by mutual arrangement) before 30th. June, 1940.

Final on or (by mutual arrangement) before 14th. July, 1940.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.—In the Scottish Western Football League, Clyde lost to Morton by 0-3. In a Rugby League match Keighley beat Hunslet 21-11.—Reuter.



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FAY STROKES NICELY BUT LACKING IN CONSISTENCY

By "ADREM"

ALTHOUGH MISTAKES were plentiful there were periods on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday when the final of the Club championship provided some quite interesting tennis.

M. Pagh was a deserving winner over B. C. Fay by scores 9-7, 6-1, 1-6 and 6-3 but the latter gave a very fine performance and contested every point all the way.

Pagh's success can be attributed to a remarkably consistent forehand drive, made with all his weight, behind it. This stroke produced both up the sideline and across court, saved him in several awkward situations.

Apart from this stroke and a steady backhand, however, Pagh was not very well equipped and he was never impressive whilst serving or volleying. Nevertheless his speed about court and fine courtcraft usually enabled him to dictate terms and Fay, forced on the defensive, never looked like winning the match after he had dropped that prolonged first set.

FAY HAS THE STROKES

Fay revealed a wide repertoire of strokes and had been more consistent with them, would probably have won. His service was as impressive as ever but he would do well to watch his left foot when serving—he almost invariably has his toe on the line and should have been foot-faulted on one out of every two services.

His backhand was rather unreliable and although he made some nice strokes on the forehand, especially across court, these shots usually lacked length and they gave ample scope for Pagh's drive.

On the occasions that Fay went into the net—usually on his first service—he looked impressive, but his volley was not really crisp enough to score outright winners and Pagh was nearly always able to return to the initiative and take the point.

Opening stages of the first set saw both men finding difficulty with their timing and a number of drives overshot the baseline by narrow margins. Pagh led 2-0 and 5-3 but Fay wiped off the deficit and won the next three games to lead 6-5. Thereafter the lead alternated until Pagh went out at the 16th. game.

LITTLE RESISTANCE

Fay offered little resistance in the second set which Pagh took for the loss of one game. Appearing to be resting on his laurels, Pagh did little to exert himself in the third set and Fay won at 6-1.

Any visions of a Fay recovery were doomed to disappointment as he developed a limp in the fourth set and, unable to cover court, lost the set and the match at the ninth game.

COLONY CHESS TOURNEY

Following matches in the Colony Chess Championship were played last week—

A. Kurrik beat L. Blair; Sir H. Pollock beat B. S. Litvin; D. E. de Carvalho beat A. Briukoff; K. M. A. Barnett beat K. Weiss.

The positions of the players follow—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
E. Zimmern	12	10	1	1	10½
K. M. A. Barnett	13	10	1	2	10½
K. Weiss	13	8	1	4	8½
D. E. de Carvalho	13	8	1	4	8½
B. S. Litvin	13	8	0	5	8
Sir H. Pollock	13	6	3	4	7½
A. Kurrik	12	4	2	6	5
A. Briukoff	13	2	2	9	3
L. Blair	12	1	0	11	1

MAY RIFLE SHOOTING PROGRAMME

The programme for May at the Kowloon City ranges is as follows:

To-day.—Spoon and practice shoots at 300, 500 and 600 yards, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

May 8.—Spoon and practice shoots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

May 15.—Spoon and practice shoots at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

May 22.—Programme to be announced later by the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force.

TSUI WAI-PUI SHOULD BEAT S.A. RUMJAHN

By "ADREM"

Notwithstanding his fine display against H. D. Rumjahn in the semi-final, Sirdar Rumjahn is not conceded much of a chance against Tsui Wai-pui in the final of the singles championship of the Colony which will start on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day at 4.30.

Tsui's form in beating his brother on Monday was such as to place him in a class far above any other player in the Colony and although Sirdar Rumjahn is expected to put up a good fight—his great fighting spirit is well-known—the youth of his opponent combined with an array of strokes acquired during his tour of Europe should give him victory.

HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

S. A. RUMJAHN
beat B. C. Fay by 6-1, 6-4.
beat S. A. Gray, 6-0, 6-2.
beat J. W. Leonard, 6-1, 6-4.
beat H. D. Rumjahn, 6-0, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

TSUI WAI-PUI
beat I. Agafurov, 6-2, 6-4.
beat Leung Ping-chiu, 6-3, 6-2.
beat Pang Oi-lam, 7-6, 7-1.
beat Tsui Yan-pui, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

A large crowd is expected and would-be spectators are advised to arrive in good time.

BIG ATHLETIC MEET

The All-Schools and Colony athletic meet will be held under the auspices of South China Athletic Association, at Caroline Hill, commencing to-morrow.

The meet will be run on three successive days, May 2, 3, and 4 and the proceeds will be donated to War Relief funds.

To-morrow, at 9 a.m., when the competing schools will parade on the ground.

On the three days, school events will start at 10.30 a.m. and will continue until 4 p.m., after which events open to the Colony will be run.

Although not very many entries have been received, it has been decided to include a number of open events for women.

There are 21 open contests, but owing to scarcity of entries only two necessitate heats—the 110 metres hurdles and 100 metres. Following are the open events, and dates:

To-morrow:—110 Metres Hurdles (heats); 100 Metres (heats); 800 Metres, High Jump, Discus Throw, 1,600 Metres Relay, 200 Metres Relay (women).

Friday:—400 Metres Hurdles, 100 Metres (finals), 400 Metres, Pole Vault, Shot Put, 100 Metres (women), Throwing the Baseball (women).

Saturday:—100 Metres Hurdles (finals), 200 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Broad Jump, Javelin Throw, 400 Metres Relay, 50 Metres (women), Broad Jump (women), 400 Metres Relay (women).

Y.M.C.A. GALA

European Y.M.C.A. held their first full-committee swimming meeting yesterday evening when it was decided to hold their first monthly swimming gala on Saturday, May 25, at 9 p.m.

The following events will comprise the programme:—Men members' 50 yards aggregate handicap; Lady members' 50 yards aggregate handicap; Mixed Novelty Race-Open; Men Members' 150 Yards Medley Team race (teams of three); Lady Members' 50 yards breast stroke handicap; Men Members' 50 yards back-stroke handicap; Members' Diving (Mixed)—Sealed handicaps; Men's 200 Yards Invitation free-style relay (Royal Scots, Middlesex Regt., Combined Small Units and Y.M.C.A.); Men's 50 Yards breast-stroke handicap.

WATER-POLO

Y.M.C.A. v Army Champions (R. Corps Signals).

An informal dance will follow the gala which is expected to take about an hour and three-quarters.

An entrance fee of 40 cents (servicemen 30 cents) for the gala will be made. Entries close on May 18, and Handicapping will be done during mixed bathing on Tuesday, May 21.

2,000 GUINEAS ALTERATIONS

London, To-day.—The following alterations have been made to the list of Probables for the Two Thousand Guineas:

Through The Mist will be ridden by Cliff Richards, Bon Accord by Marshall, Luculus (Barilam), Baldoroch (Weston), el Morocco (Sibritt), Epilobium (Jones). Congratulations (Beary).

Boulton and Nuit de Noce have no jockeys.

Adias and Black Toni have scratched.—Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie and Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon); for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

B. ALVES,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th April, 1940.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 2nd MAY, 1940 commencing at 11.00 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

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HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Matches have been re-arranged as follows:—

OPEN SINGLES FINAL
WEDNESDAY, 1st May.

OPEN DOUBLES FINAL
FRIDAY, 3rd May.

Play commences at 4.30 p.m. sharp each day.

Booking for Stand Seats now open at Moutries.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd May, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 29th April, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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NAZI BOMBER CRASHES: FORTY ESSEX CASUALTIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ABOUT 40 CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED IN A TOWN ON THE ESSEX COAST LATE LAST NIGHT WHEN AN ENEMY BOMBER CRASHED INTO SOME HOUSES; SOME ARE BELIEVED TO BE STILL BURIED UNDER DEBRIS.

First announcement of the disaster came in a joint communique issued by the Air Ministry and the Ministry for Home Security in the early hours of this morning.

ALLIES HOLD STOEREN & DOMBAAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Military quarters state the German announcement of the seizure of Dombaas and Stoeren is incorrect.

It is pointed out that reports from Swedish sources, as well as independent reports, indicate the Allies have established positions 30 kilometres south of Stoeren.

The same circles are of opinion that the main British position covering Dombaas, on which British troops have withdrawn slightly, is situated north of Dombaas junction and is probably around Brennanger.

The German advance towards Dombaas and Stoeren was partly made through a mountain road recently freed from ice but this progress has been much slowed down by the thaw. — Havas.

The communique stated: "Late last night enemy aircraft approached the east coast at several points.

"Anti-aircraft guns went into

action and one enemy aircraft crashed in a coastal town in Essex and burst into flames. Houses in the vicinity were damaged and some of the occupants injured."

Later reports revealed that about 40 were taken to hospital suffering from injuries, and it is thought others are still pinned in the wreckage, on which rescuers are working.

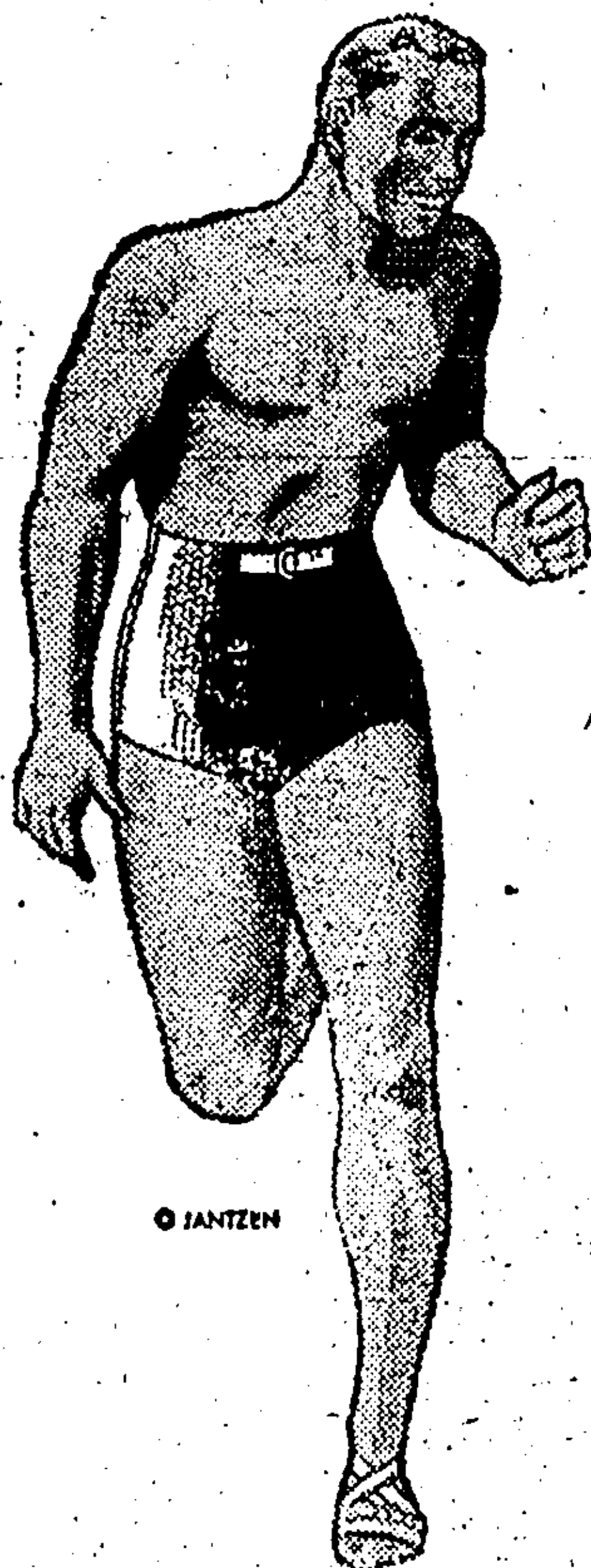
All five occupants of the Nazi plane, a Heinkel bomber, were killed.

A major explosion (probably the bombs in the plane) occurred, followed by several minor explosions, and then incendiary bombs in the plane blazed.

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The work of the rescue parties was impeded by the black-out.

The crash occurred after firing had been heard. The plane flew low over the houses, losing height, and dropped a flare in an effort to find a landing space. — Reuter.



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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Britain wants more meat,
butter and eggs because of
the invasion of Denmark;
Eire is ready to supply them,
says an editorial in the
"Daily Herald."

The British and Eire Minister in
London are negotiating a deal which
ought to be very good business for
both countries.

We don't need foreign currency
for purchases in Eire, and the sea
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Now is the chance for an agreement
which may teach both countries they
are partly dependent on one another
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Havas.

DAIRY FARM COOLIE CONVICTED

Wearing Dairy Farm uniform,
Tam Fong, 48, was charged with
larceny by servant of empty milk
bottles and fined \$10 or one month
by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this
morning.

A marine hawk, Leung Sap-yat,
36, charged with receiving 31 bottles,
was fined \$6 or three weeks.

The hawk was seen with the
bottles in Tak Shing Street yesterday
by a Chinese detective, who, after
enquiries, arrested the coolie at Dairy
Farm.

The coolie had worked for the
Dairy Farm for seven years.

JAP. PLANE SHOT DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Air defence headquarters announced
last night that more than 20 Japanese
bombers raided the Chungking area
early in the morning, dropping bombs
west of the city. No damage was
done. — Havas.

One of the Japanese planes raiding
Chungking yesterday was damaged in
a dogfight over Liangshan, about
120 miles to the northeast and was
seen spinning down. The wreckage
is being sought. — Central News.

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Washington, To-day.

The speech of the British Minister of Economic Warfare has created a good impression in the United States by its frankness, clarity and appreciation of the American viewpoint. It is believed here that while all difficulties cannot be eliminated, everything possible will be done to make trade flow smoothly. — Reuter.

An official telegram has been received from the Macao Government by the Portuguese Consul-General in Hong Kong, Mr. Soares, stating that the report of a Japanese landing in Macao is utterly without foundation, and that conditions in the Portuguese colony are absolutely normal.

In future, Lady Northcote's Working Parties at Government House will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only. There will be no Working Party to-morrow.

DEATH

CHURN.—On 1st May, 1940, at 8.20 a.m. at her residence, 53 Conduit Road, Lema Johnsford Churn, aged 46 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.



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